

BOSTON BANK CLOSES DOORS

Old South Trust Co. Ordered To Close by Commissioner Thorndike

Closing Followed a Run on the Bank—Expected To Liquidate in Full

BOSTON, Dec. 18.—The Old South Trust Co., one of the smaller banks of the city, closed its doors today under orders from State Bank Commissioner Augustus J. Thorndike. The closing followed a run on the bank.

Failure of the bank to "make clearing house connections" was said by the bank commissioner to have precipitated the run. The company's troubles, he said, were due to the fact that it held a lot of "slow paper" and had made loans that were "not readily collectible."

"I believe the bank will liquidate in full and leave a substantial amount over for stockholders," Bank Commissioner Thorndike declared.

The Old South Trust Co., which John R. McVey is president and Ernest L. Parsons acting treasurer, made its last report to the bank commissioner as of Nov. 17. On that date the report of its banking department showed assets of \$2,302,175, of which \$203,000 was in stocks and bonds, \$530,185 in demand loans, \$309,000 in time loans and \$63,552 in cash. Liabilities included deposits demand and time \$1,867,610; capital stock \$200,000, surplus fund \$40,000 and undivided profits \$45,563.

In the savings department deposits aggregated \$1,556,377. Assets were given as \$1,512,792, of which the principal items were \$304,155, representing loans on real estate, and \$354,217, loans on personal security.

The city treasurer announced today that he had withdrawn \$20,000 of the city's general funds from the company yesterday, but was unsuccessful in his effort to obtain \$50,000 of sinking fund money which was on deposit there.

The bank commissioner in a statement said: "The bank which did the clearing for the Old South Trust Co., failed to continue to make the clearings this made it necessary for the

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JURY FAILED TO AGREE

MINEOLA, N. Y., Dec. 18.—The supreme court jury before which John J. Dempsey, former superintendent of the New York Consolidated Railway company, was tried for manslaughter in connection with the Malbone street tunnel wreck, in Brooklyn, a year ago, when nearly 50 persons lost their lives, was discharged today when it reported it had failed to agree upon a verdict. The jury deliberated 25 hours.

TELEGRAPHY

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Up one flight at head of stairs

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All Christmas orders for your own satisfaction should be in early this year. With assurance of prompt delivery.

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HARLEQUIN ICE CREAM
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ALLEGED PICKPOCKETS

Two Men Arrested Here Get Prison Sentences and Appeal

Convicted of attempted larceny from the person, Louis Gozzolo and Abraham Levy, who described themselves as hailing from Boston and Nashua, N. H., respectively, were each sentenced to one year's imprisonment by Judge Wright in the municipal court today. They appealed and were held in \$1000. Both are professional pickpockets, according to the police. Gozzolo has served time in Sing Sing, the police allege, and both have long and varied records dating back several years.

According to the testimony of Lieut. Petrie and Inspector Walsh, who arrested the pair at the local railroad station the night of Nov. 30, the two visited the station early in the evening and waited until the 8:30 Boston-bound train pulled in.

Levy walked just ahead of a man and woman who were about to board

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BEST SKATING EVER AT SHEDD PARK

Skating of the best conceivable kind is on tap at Shedd Park. In fact, the ice is so smooth as to make keen blades skaters almost a necessity, as dull runners will not cut into the surface sufficiently to take the skater forward with any fair degree of speed. The excessive cold last night put on the finishing touches to the work of freezing which went on Tuesday night during the time the area was being flooded. Only a few braved the north wind last night, but school children flocked to the park today between and after school sessions.

The park department has hauled all the wood from felled trees in the Belvidere section to the park and a man from the department was on hand this afternoon to lend a roaring thawed out many number fingers and toes. It was a happy diversion and thawed out many number fingers and toes. Within a day or two six large electric arc lights will be placed on the poles already in place around the skating area, thus insuring sufficient illumination for night skating.

Not all of the park area is ice covered, owing to the inability of obtaining all the water necessary, but the surface is plenty large enough for the enjoyment of hundreds. No attempt will be made to flood it again this week because of the chance that the temperature might rise enough to spoil the surface for week-end skaters. If it continues cold next week, however, the water will again be turned on for one night.

Shedd park is the only perfectly safe place for skating in the city. The river is frozen over to a thickness of about two inches, but it is always treacherous and should not be used for skating until it is safe beyond question. The small pond on the South common is in excellent condition, but not large enough to suit grownups.

ATTENTION ALLIED SHOE WORKERS

There will be an OPEN MEETING at the Leather Workers' Hall for all the Shoeworkers of Lowell, FRIDAY EVENING 8 O'CLOCK.

Mr. Reed and other prominent speakers will be present. Refreshments will be served.

Signed,
J. J. McCULLEN, Pres.
M. WRENN, Sec.

SERVICE TO ACCOMMODATE CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS

This bank will be open Saturday, Dec. 20, from 9 in the morning until 9 in the evening.

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18 Shattuck Street

\$5000

Won't build a \$10,000 building and neither will your insurance take care of present values unless you increase same.

FRED. C. CHURCH
63 CENTRAL STREET

FOR SALE PONIES

Dancing Space for the 11th Annual Dance to be held at Associate Hall, the Last Friday Night, before Christmas, Dec. 19, 1919.

Music—Miner-Doyle's Jazz Orchestra. Admission, 50c, including war tax. Pay at door.

Two Perish in Boston Fire

Coldest Dec. 18 on Record

Explosion Wrecks N. J. Arsenal

TWO DIE IN BACK BAY FIRE

Blaze in Exclusive Apartment Hotel in Boston Caused Two Deaths—Others Flee

BOSTON, Dec. 18.—Fire in the Abbotford, an exclusive apartment hotel in the Back Bay district, caused the death of two persons and drove nearly 50 others to the street early today. William S. Whitney, a construction engineer, was fatally injured when he jumped from a third story window and Mrs. Francis F. Cole was found burned to death on the fifth floor by firemen.

Several persons were overcome by the heavy smoke that filled the building and were led out by firemen. Most of those above the first floor escaped by means of the fire escape, or ladders.

The origin of the fire was unknown but was believed to have started in the basement. The worst damage was done on the fifth and sixth floors where the fire broke through the interior shafts.

LAWRENCE, Dec. 18.—William S. Whitney, who lost his life in a Boston fire today, was for many years consulting engineer of the American Woolen company, and had a fine residence in this city. For several weeks he had been living with his wife in Boston, where they had gone to spend the winter. Mr. Whitney was born in Beverly, and he attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He first entered mill work in Fall River, in a minor position, and came to Lawrence about 25 years ago, first having supervision of mechanical work in the Washington mills. He rose rapidly and when the American Woolen Co. was formed he was made consulting engineer of the company. Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Lawrence Whitney of Pittsfield, Mass.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 18.—Investigation of charges of conspiracy against miners and operators to limit coal production in violation of the Lever act, were continued in court today. The federal grand jury summoned by U. S. District Judge A. B. Anderson, was in session most of the day yesterday, but there was nothing to indicate what progress had been made.

CONSPIRACY CHARGED

Investigation of Charges Against Miners and Operators Continues

Only a few witnesses were in the courtroom, mostly operators and coal dealers. Neither officials of the government or the witnesses would venture an opinion on the probable outcome of the investigation.

IT HELPS AND HELPING OTHER FELLOW

is always commendable and sometimes appreciated. The burden of day-to-day bank work at the present time is tremendous. You will notice our lights burning well into the night hours. To partially relieve pressure anticipated on SATURDAY NEXT, we shall keep open bank on

Friday Evening

from 7 to 9 o'clock.

Persons who are yet to enroll in 1920 Thrift Club will assist us very, very much if they can arrange to come in FRIDAY Day or Evening.

Those in the flush of last Saturday can tell you it's wise to be assured you will be helping the

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MERRIMACK—PALMER STS.

Look for 1920 FULL PAID Thrift Book Cheque SATURDAY.

DR. HILTON'S NO. 3
Will break up a cold in 24 hours—Adv.

COLDEST DEC. 18 ON RECORD

New England Shivers—Below Zero Temperatures Registered All Over Section

BOSTON, Dec. 18.—It was six degrees below zero here today. The oldest inhabitant shivered as he recalled cold days of other years, but admitted he knew of no colder Dec. 18. The weather bureau with records running back nearly half a century, reported that it was the coldest Dec. 18 in its annals, a reading of three above in 1876 being the previous low mark for this date.

Elsewhere in New England the pinch was more severe. The exposed weather

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LOWELL MAN SEEKS WARMER CLIMATE

With the thermometer hovering around the zero mark, windows covered with frost and signs of winter in general evidence hereabouts, Mitchell T. McAlpine of 57 Lawrence street, got dismayed at the prospects of several more months of frigidity and late yesterday afternoon made his way to the local army recruiting station in Central street and said he wanted to go to a warmer climate.

"What have you to offer in that line?" he queried of Sergt. MacLeod, the officer in charge.

"Well, we can send you to Cuba, if that will suit you," replied the sergeant. "It's fairly comfortable down there at this season of the year."

"It's a go," came back McAlpine and within a few minutes he had been examined, signed all necessary papers and was ready to begin his duties as a private in the United States Infantry with prospects of immediate service in Cuba before him. While the rest of the city was shivering in the first real touch of winter today, McAlpine was on his way to army life in the south. He will serve only one year as he is a veteran of the world war, having served with the 1st Co., Coast Artillery corps.

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174 CENTRAL STREET

Extract from The Lowell Can of May 6th, 1919:

The CITY INSTITUTION FOR SAVINGS which has already subscribed for \$1,000,000 worth of Victory Bonds, this morning took an additional \$200,000 through the Appleton National Bank, making its full subscription \$1,200,000. This Bank has set a glowing example to all other banks in the city and stands out far in the lead of any single contributor to any cause in the history of Lowell. It is a fine sense of patriotism and obligation as well as thankfulness.

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FIRE SWEEPS BIG ARSENAL

Spectacular Blaze Follows Explosion Near Dover, N. J.—\$1,000,000 Loss

DOVER, N. J., Dec. 18.—Causes of the spectacular fire which swept over part of the Picatinny arsenal following an explosion in the research laboratory late last night were made the subject of an official investigation by army officers today.

The fire destroyed four buildings, entailing a loss estimated as high as \$1,000,000. The plant was said to be deserted at the time, save for guards.

Private Oliver McCormick, of Akron, Ohio, one of the men injured by the explosion, died early today. Paul Green of Boston and Ralph Luce and E. B. Butler, whose addresses are not known, are reported to be in a critical condition. All men were quartered at the marine barracks at the arsenal.

The explosion rocked buildings in this town and was heard 40 miles away. The work of fighting the fire was made hazardous by exploding shells, and it was several hours before the flames were controlled.

FRANCE REMEMBERS OUR HEROIC DEAD

The relatives of all Lowell men who gave up their lives in the world war are entitled to a memorial diploma issued by the French government and signed by President Poincare to voice the gratitude of France for the part which the fighters of the United States played in the world war, according to notification received today by Sergt. E. A. MacLeod at the local army recruiting station, 97 Central street.

The diplomas with the names of the deceased already inscribed will be mailed to the regular army recruiting station in Boston from the office of the adjutant general of the army and with the diploma will come a slip containing the address of the nearest of kin of the deceased soldier or sailor. Distribution here in Lowell will be in charge of the local post of the American Legion which will be furnished with the diplomas through the Boston recruiting office. It is expected that the diplomas will reach Boston in February and those who have had relatives who gave up their lives in the world war are urged to get in touch with the local post of the American Legion so that arrangements may be made for the proper distribution.

Why Not Own Yourself?

The lives of millions have been ruined because they never reached the point where they really owned themselves.

If you are working today for the money that you must pay out tomorrow to settle the bills of yesterday, you are not your own master.

You are owned by whoever has bought your time, who pays you for the use of your body and mind this week, and has a first mortgage on them for next week.

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ICE PROSPECTS GOOD

Little More of This Kind of Weather Will Insure Big Crop

The Daniel Gage Co. will begin to harvest its 1920 ice crop within two weeks if the weather continues seasonable. On the other hand, if excessive cold, such as was experienced yesterday and today, re-occurs even occasionally, the work of cutting pond ice will commence.

The Merrimack river above the Pawtucket dam now is frozen to a thickness of about two inches and the ponds, even to a greater depth, but no cutting will start until 10 or more inches is assured. The first cutting of the year probably will be made on Beaver brook in the rear of the Textile school, but the harvest there always is comparatively small.

Under the present conditions it seems that Lowell will have sufficient ice for next year without having to call on outside supplies, either natural or artificial. The reason for this year's city shortage is because of the inability of the Gage company to cut the river last winter and the pond supply was not adequate to meet all demands. Therefore, in the middle of November the company began to import natural and artificial ice and considerable of the "made" brand has been consumed.

Before cutting on the river commences, gangs of ice harvesters will be at work on Forge pond, Baptist pond in South Chelmsford and on a pond in North Littleton. This ice will be stored in the Gage houses at Forge Village.

Last year was unusual inasmuch as no river ice was obtained, but Miss Martina Gage, who controls Lowell's ice supply, has high hopes of filling the huge Pawtucket street houses during January. Pond ice is assured and it only remains for the river to freeze as desired to insure an adequate supply during the 12 months of 1920.

The coming of national prohibition will allow a certain quantity of ice to be used for house consumption, which in other years has not been available. Miss Gage does not say that saloons were her biggest customers. In fact, she says, several other places had yearly supplies of greater amounts, but does admit that the closing of the saloons will make available some ice which heretofore was given over entirely to that trade.

SANTA CLAUS BUREAU HAS DOLL VISITORS

The headquarters of the Santa Claus bureau at the Girls' Community Service club in the Runcels building was transformed into a huge toy shop today when the first batches of Christmas gifts were purchased for the several hundred Lowell children who have written to Santa Claus asking for remembrance this year. Dolls, doll carriages, games and mechanical toys of every description, rocking horses and other things to gladden the heart of a child, were piled up on every side. There are many more to come, for so far only \$44.61 of the fund of \$359.72 has been expended.

No attempt has been made as yet to purchase clothing. Many pairs of stockings will be bought, but the requests for shoes probably will be answered in another way. Under the present tentative plan, orders for shoes, drawn upon a certain store, will be given out and the youngster may then go to the shop and have the proper ones fitted. This has been decided on as the most practical way and will lessen the chances of giving shoes which are not of the proper size.

Fifty dolls arrived at the headquarters this morning, all fully dressed. There are all sorts. Dolls, who smile, dolls who close their eyes when tipped backward, dolls dressed in party dresses and dolls in wraps and furs, dolls with kid gloves, dolls in motor costume, sawdust filled dolls and porcelain dolls. Other dolls are coming in daily from the troops of Girl Scouts who took them a week ago to dress and they are correctly gowned to the smallest detail.

Several of the stores have gladly consented to give the club girls substantial discounts on all purchases, while other firms have made outright donations, so it will be possible to make the available money go a long way.

Several letters were received at the club this morning telling of worthy families and offering to take care of them via the volunteer Santa Claus method. In addition to the 300 and more children who will be visited by them.

Challenge Dance

CHAMPIONS—Mr. James Jones and Miss Mae Nolan; Mr. Joseph Mahoney and Miss Martha Thomas; Mr. George Mangan and Miss Margaret O'Brien.

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TONIGHT

For \$150 Side Bet. Judge Chosen by Dancers

MINER-DOYLE'S ORCHESTRA—ADMISSION 35¢, Plus Tax

HEAR LOWELL'S PREMIER QUARTET

HIGHLAND CLUB HALL

TOMORROW NIGHT

Capitol Jazz Orchestra

CONFERENCE FOR BETTER STREETS

Board of Trade Members To Confer With City Government

No Extra Demands on Charity Department For Fuel—City Hall News

An important conference of members of the transportation committee of the Lowell board of trade and members of the city government will be held tomorrow afternoon at 4:30 in the mayor's reception room at city hall. It is proposed to discuss several matters affecting Lowell's streets with regard to their development for a number of years to come and the committee is expected to bring forward a plan of legislation which is intended to hasten this development.

Charity Department Requests

The cold wave which struck Lowell this week has not yet resulted in any unusual demands for fuel on the local charity department, according to Supt. Martin Conley. Beginning the first of December the department began its customary distribution of fuel to poor families and throughout the winter season this distribution will be continued once every two weeks. Fuel was distributed to 39 families last Saturday and this will take them over the present cold spell.

Illegally Employed?

The registrars of voters have received a communication from John C. Gilbert, secretary of the civil service commission, stating that the commission has no record of the appointment of J. Lemire, William McLaughlin and George F. Pearson, whose names appeared on a recent payroll as election officers in this city. Mr. Gilbert asks for details of the matter. City Clerk Stephen Flynn will investigate the matter and forward the requested information.

Col. Sobler's Dinner

Commissioner Dennis A. Murphy was present at the dinner tendered to Col. William A. Sobler, who recently retired as chairman of the state highway commission given last evening at the Boston City Club.

Salary Increases Due

One of the acts of the municipal council scheduled to come forth in the near future will be to increase the salaries of a large number of the city's administrative officers. If it is to be done to take effect next year the necessary orders will have to be passed some time this month, according to the charter. Prominent among those mentioned for increases are Edward F. Saunders, chief of the fire department, and Warren P. Roridan, scaler of weights and measures.

Election Officers Paid

This week's municipal payroll amounts to \$30,252.65. Included in this amount is \$1820 for the services of election officers on election day, Dec. 2.

Expense Account Filed

John F. Salmon, elected alderman at the city election, has filed his expense account with City Clerk Flynn. It amounts to \$250.25.

GILHOOLEY SOLD

BOSTON, Dec. 18.—Frank Gilhooley, an outfielder who was obtained from the New York Americans last season was sold to the Buffalo club of the International League by the Boston Americans today.

A new textile fabric, which it is claimed will tend to lower the present high cost of men's clothing, is being placed on the market by a Pudding (Yorkshire) manufacturer.

The girls of the bureau, many other families will receive the joy of Christmas through the efforts of people who have volunteered to care for them.

A great deal of work has been done on the matter of investigating the letters already received through the Santa Claus letter box and when the bureau closes on Saturday night the complete list of all letter writers will be sent to the Salvation Army, Knights of Columbus and the Lowell Guild for additional checking.

Several automobile trucks will be loaded with the gifts on Christmas eve and the distributors will go about the city in districts already assigned to them.

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HARRY BAKER IN PRISON

"Baby Doll" To Start Legal Effort—Baker Tells How He Killed Chapman

WORCESTER, Dec. 18.—Harry Baker, who was sentenced in superior court Tuesday by Judge Sisk to life imprisonment on a plea of guilty of the second degree murder of Dwight P. Chapman in Westboro, June 9, was taken to the state prison on the 1.30 train yesterday by Deputy Sheriff George H. Ramer.

Baker was accompanied by Mrs. Mary Pike of Worcester, who has become interested in him and his companion, Eleanor Reise, who insists on being called Mrs. Baker, since their detention in Worcester county jail.

Baker and Eleanor were permitted to pass a short time together in the guard room before he was taken away. She declared she would start immediately a legal effort to secure a divorce from her lawful husband, Robert Reise of Waukegan, Ill. If successful she declares she will become Baker's legal wife, with a marriage ceremony in state prison, after she has finished her sentence of a year in the Worcester house of correction, as an accessory after the fact in Chapman's murder. She says she will live in Worcester, as arrangements to that end have already been made by new friends.

Before leaving Worcester Baker told in detail how he happened to kill Chapman. He said he and "Mrs. Baker" met in Waupun, Mich., at a little hotel where they were employed, he as a clerk and she as a waitress. They went through a marriage ceremony in Waukegan, Ill., April 2, 1917, where three years before she had married Reise, from whom she was never divorced.

"We heard Massachusetts institutions paid better than any others and decided to come here," Baker said. "We came to Boston from a boys' reformatory at Jamestown, N. J. Westboro was the first place we struck for. A position at the Lyman School would not be open until about the middle of July and we thought we would wait for it."

"We were referred to Chapman's. Chapman offered Eleanor a chance to keep house for him, said he would pay her wages, and we could both live there."

"One of Chapman's peculiarities was his extreme profanity, but we overlooked that. One night he grabbed a Bible from the table, threw it on to the floor and, stamping on it, declared it was nothing but scrap of paper."

"The day after the Bible incident, he went into the house while I was cleaning a room upstairs and put his arms around Eleanor in a very objectionable manner. She told me of this when I came downstairs, but I kind of passed it off, telling her he probably did not mean anything, and that he was an old man. But, nevertheless, it disturbed me and her, too."

"She told me then that she did not want to be left alone with him and, had there been any other place to go to in town, I should have moved there. The next day was Sunday—the day before the murder."

"That day, while I was in the washroom, and she was in the living-room, he again offered her an atrocious insult, and this but a minute before I appeared in the room. I saw at once something was the matter, and she told me what it was."

"He was just leaving the room and I grabbed him by the arm and swung him around and asked him what he meant. He swore terribly and told me he would say what he pleased in his own house. I lost my temper and struck him in the face. He raised his hand to strike me back, but I warned him not to, and he left the house and went into his sleeping room in the shed."

"That night Eleanor was very ill. Shortly after 4 o'clock I got up and said I would go out to the shed and see if 'Dad,' as we had come to call him, had anything which would warm her up."

"When I got to the shed, the door was open and I went in."

"Chapman was just getting out of bed when I stepped into the room."

"I said, 'Dad, have you any pepper-mint or some liquor I can give Eleanor? She is awful sick.' There and then, sitting undressed on the edge of the bed, he repeated to me the insult he had offered to her the night before."

"That started me and I struck him full in the face. I lost all control of myself. He rolled over on the bed and

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as he did, he rolled himself up in the bed clothes.
"I then only thought of getting away before he could come to consciousness and make a lot of trouble. We had but little money, only about \$21 in bills and a little change. I thought of the safe and believed he must have some money in it."
"I went back to the shed and found his pocketbook in his pants pocket, but there was only a dollar in it. I hoped to find the combination of the safe, but it was not there, and then I went back matter was. I told her what had happened, but then I did not know and did

locked the door so that if he became conscious he could not get out so easily and we might have a chance to get away."
"I battered up the safe with an old hammer. I hardly knew what I was doing. I hammered the combination off and also the handle and took off the hinges, but could not get into it. I discovered a little speck of rust on the top of the safe and dug it out with the screw driver and I got way down to the concrete partition of the safe, but I could not get through that."

"Finally I become terribly frightened for fear he would appear and I told Eleanor to get busy and pack up the trunks and we would get out, and I went to the station to find some one to move them."

"We missed the first train, but got one about 3 o'clock and went to Boston."

Baker then described their trip to Maine and wandering there up to the time of their arrest in Bangor.

TEACHERS HONORED BY COLLEAGUES

One of the most enjoyable special affairs held in local school circles in many years was that which took place after the regular afternoon session yesterday when the teachers of the schools comprising the Varnum district, the Tenth street and the West Sixth street primary schools and the Varnum kindergarten and Varnum grammar school, gathered in the Varnum school building to honor two of their members who are serving their associations after long terms of service in that district. The honored teachers were Miss Julia Williams and Henry H. Harris.

Miss Williams has for 32 years been a teacher in the Lowell schools and

hundreds of people have grown to know and respect her for the devoted service she gave them while they were her pupils. She is to close her term of service at the Varnum school with the Christmas holidays and her colleagues

yesterday took occasion to testify their appreciation by presenting her a gold pin set with pearls and topaz.

Mr. Harris, who, for nearly 25 years has been principal of the Varnum school and who was recently elected served

headmaster of the high school, was presented a seal traveling basket and a case of toilet articles.

Both recipients responded fittingly and a most enjoyable collation was

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REOPENING OF PEACE TREATY FIGHT NEAR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Expressions that seemed to point toward a reopening of the peace treaty fight within a few weeks were voiced on the senate floor today when the subject bobbed up in the midst of consideration of the railroad bill.

The symposium of views that went into the record during the brief debate included opinions from virtually all factions of the divided senate membership but they all struck a note of conciliation.

Differing widely in their suggestions for a solution, they stood together on the general proposition that politics ought to be forgotten, and the senate acting independently of executive opinion, ought to do something promptly to end suspense and establish a state of peace.

The discussion reflected the trend of negotiations which have been in progress privately among senators for an agreement that would get the question finally out of the way.

Senator Knox of Pennsylvania brought the subject to the floor by another attempt to get before the senate his two resolutions to establish a state of peace. The effort was blocked, but he obtained unanimous consent to send the measures to the foreign relations committee, where he expects to renew his request for action.

Blame "50-50," Says Georgian

A plea made by Senator Knox for some sort of a settlement was seconded by Senator Smith of Georgia, a reservation democrat who declared the time had come to stop academic discussion of who held up the treaty and get together in a give-and-take effort for compromise. Action also was urged by Senator Nelson of Minnesota, one of the mild reservation republicans, and by Senator Myers of Montana, a democrat, who voted last session for some reservations and also for unreserved ratification.

In the compromise negotiations proceeding at private conferences among senators the principal activity seemed to be among the democrats, the republican reservationists indicating that they awaited some concrete proposal from the other side of the aisle. The democratic managers were hopeful that such an agreement soon would be reported, but they predicted it would not take tangible form until after the holidays.

Among the democrats there was much discussion of the possible effect of the compromise negotiations on the contest between Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska and Senator Underwood of Alabama for election as democratic leader of the senate. The negotiations started yesterday, with the mild reservation republicans were conducted by Senator Underwood's supporters, but Senator Underwood declared last night that while he stood for some sort of compromise he was not in revolt against President Wilson nor leading any sort of opposition to the treaty.

Says Senate Should Act in Own Way

Consideration of the first of Senator Knox' resolution, which would ratify the treaty insofar as establishment of a state of peace is concerned, was blocked by Senator McCellary, democrat, Tennessee, while Senator Nelson stopped the second one, proposing merely to declare that a state of peace exists.

In view of the attitude of President Wilson, Senator Knox declared, the senate should proceed in its own way to secure a formal peace status, working out the best solution it could at once.

Responsibility for the delay was declared by Senator Smith to be "about 50-50" between the two parties. He asserted that in his opinion more than two-thirds of the senate favored ratification with reservations, of a certain kind, the phraseology of which could easily be worked out if the real friends of the treaty were to come together in conference.

"We will make no progress by criminalization and recrimination," said Senator Smith. "Let us cease trying to find out who is to blame for the delay and bring the delay to an end. Party politics should not be played with a matter of such importance. Ratification must be by non-partisan action and every effort to gain partisan advantage handicaps ratification."

Ready to Drop League as Drafted

Senator Myers said both parties had been "making a political football of the treaty." He recounted how he had voted, and said that if the treaty came up again he would go even further in an effort to end unsettled business conditions.

"The senate on its own initiative should end this confusion and ratify the treaty," said Senator Myers.

Senator Nelson said he would favor the Knox plan if it were made more definite so as to declare specifically that the League of Nations provisions are excepted from approval.

"I'm heartily for the treaty with the League reservations," he said, "but I can't have that. I will vote for the resolution of Senator Knox. If it clearly expresses that all of the terms except the League of Nations are approved."

NOT GUNMAN WHO ROBBED BANK

RANDOLPH, Dec. 18.—Joseph E. Coughlin, who is under arrest at Toledo, Ohio, was apparently not one of the gunmen who looted the Randolph Savings bank of \$40,000 a month ago. Three persons who were bound and gagged by the robbers—N. Irving Tolman, treasurer of the bank, Miss Frances M. Howard, his assistant, and George S. Glidden, a customer—all failed to identify the picture of Coughlin as that of one of their four assailants. Coughlin was arrested when he attempted to dispose of bonds said to be part of the loot of the bank.

SUPERIOR COURT

The case of Pinkham vs. Jones, an action of tort, which was started at the civil session of the superior court yesterday, was resumed before Justice King this morning. It is expected that the case will not be given to the jury until tomorrow morning.

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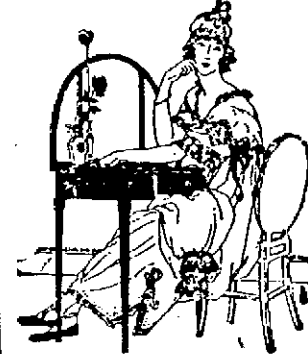
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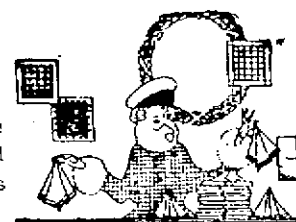
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Theodore Roosevelt's Letters to His Children

Edited by Joseph Bucklin Bishop



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In the fall of 1905, the senate had been won to President Roosevelt's plan for the regulation of railroad rates. He delivered a message in which several reforms were vigorously urged. The abolition of child labor was being advocated by the president at this time. "This government stands for manhood first," he declared, "and for business only as an adjunct of manhood."—The Editor.

Incidents of a Southern Trip
White House, Nov. 1, 1905.

Dear Kermit:
I had a great time in the south, and it was very nice indeed having Mr. John McIlhenny and Mr. John Greenway with me. Of course I enjoyed most the three days when mother was there. But I was so well received and had so many things to say which I was really glad to say, that the whole trip was a success. When I left New Orleans on the Little Lighthouse tender to go down to the Gulf where the big war ship was waiting me, we had a collision. I was standing up at the time and the shock pitched me forward so that I dove right through the window taking the glass all out except a jagged rim round the very edge. But I went through so quickly that I received only some minute scratches on my face and hands which, however, bled pretty freely. I was very glad to come up the coast on the squadron of great armored cruisers.

In the Gulf the weather was hot and calm, but soon after rounding Florida and heading northward we ran into a gale. Admiral Brownson is a regular little gamecock and he drove the vessels to their limit. It was great fun to see the huge watercraft bounding steadily into the gale and forging onward through the billows. Some of the waves were so high that the water came green over the flying bridge forward, and some of the officers were thrown down and badly bruised. One of the other ships lost a man overboard, and although we hunted for him an hour and a half we could not get him, and had a boat smashed in the endeavor.

When I got back here I found sister, very interesting about her eastern trip. She has had a great time, and what is more, she has behaved mightily well under rather trying circumstances. Ethel was a dear, as always, and the two little boys were as cunning as possible. Sister had brought them some very small Japanese fencing armor, which they had of course put on with glee, and were clumsily fencing with wooden two-handed swords. And they had also rigged up in the dark nursery a grewsome man with a pumpkin head, which I was ushered in to see, and

in addition to the regular eyes, nose, and sawtooth mouth, Archie had carved in the back of the pumpkin the words "Pumpkin Giant," the candle inside illuminating it beautifully. Mother was waiting for me at the navy yard, looking too pretty for anything, when I arrived. She and I had a ride this afternoon. Of course I am up to my ears in work.

The mornings are lovely now, crisp and fresh; and after breakfast mother and I walk around the grounds accompanied by Skip, and also by Slipper, her bell tinkling loudly. The gardens are pretty disheveled now, but the flowers that are left are still lovely; even yet some honeysuckle is blooming on the porch.

Poets and Princes

White House, Nov. 6, 1905

Dear Kermit:
Just a line, for I really have nothing to say this week. I have caught up with my work. One day we had a rather forlorn little poet and his nice wife in at lunch. They made me feel quite badly by being so grateful at my having mentioned him, in what I fear was a patronizing and indeed, almost supercilious way, as having written an occasional good poem. I am much struck by Robinson's two poems which you sent mother. What a queer, mystical creature he is! I did not understand one of them—that about the gardens—and I do not know that I like either of them quite as much as some of those in "The Children of the Night." But he certainly has got the real spirit of poetry in him. Whether he can make it come out I am not quite sure.

Prince Louis of Battenberg has been here and I have been very much pleased with him. He is a really good admiral, and in addition he is a well-read and cultivated man and it was charming to talk with him. We had him and his nephew, Prince Alexander, a midshipman, to lunch alone with us, and we really enjoyed having them. At the state dinner he sat between me and Bonaparte, and I could not help smiling to myself in thinking that here was this British admiral seated beside the American secretary of the navy being the grandnephew of Napoleon and the grandson of Jerome, king of Westphalia; while the British admiral was the grandson of a Hessian general who was the subject of King Jerome and served under Napoleon, and then, by no means creditably, deserted him.

In the middle of the battle of Leipzig. I am off to vote tonight.

Novels and Games

White House, Nov. 13, 1905.

I sympathize with every word you say in your letter about Nicholas Nickleby, and about novels generally. Normally I only care for a novel if the ending is good, and quite agree with you that if the hero has to die he ought to die worthily and nobly, so that our sorrow at the tragedy shall be tempered with the joy and pride one always feels when a man does his duty well and bravely. There is quite enough sorrow and shame and suffering and baseness in real life, and there is no need for meeting it unnecessarily in fiction. As police commissioner it was my duty to deal with all kinds of squalid misery and hideous and unspeakable infamy, and I should have been worse than a coward if I had shrunk from doing what was necessary; but there would have been no use whatever in my reading novels detailing all this misery and squalor and crime, or at least in reading them as a steady thing. Now and then there is a powerful but sad story which really is interesting and which really does good; but normally the books which do good and the books which healthy people find interesting are those which are not in the least of the sugar-candy variety, but which, while portraying foulness and suffering when they must be portrayed, yet have a joyous as well as a noble side.

We have had a very mild and open fall. I have played tennis a good deal, the French ambassador being now quite a steady playmate, as he and I play about alike; and I have ridden with mother a great deal. Last Monday when mother had gone to New York I had Selous, the great African hunter, to spend the day and night. He is a perfect dear; just as simple and natural as can be and very interesting. I look him, with Bob Bacon, Gifford Pinchot, Ambassador Meyer and Jim Garfield, for a good scramble and climb in the afternoon, and they all came to dinner afterwards. Before we came down to dinner I got him to spend three-quarters of an hour in telling delightfully exciting lion and hyena stories to Ethel, Archie and Quentin. He told them most vividly and so enthralled the little boys that the next evening I had to tell them a large number myself.

Today is Quentin's birthday and he loved his gifts, perhaps most of all the weasel, cunningest live pig you ever saw, presented him by Straus. Phil Stewart (who is Archie's age), spent a couple of nights here. One afternoon we had hide-and-go-seek, bringing down Mr. Garfield and the Garfield boys, and Archie turning up with the entire football team, who took a day off for the special purpose. We had obstacle races, hide-and-go-seek, blind-man's buff, and everything else; and there were times when I felt that there was a perfect shoal of small boys bursting in every direction up and down stairs, and through and over every conceivable object.

Mother and I still walk around the grounds every day after breakfast. The gardens, of course, are very, very disheveled now, the snapdragons holding out better than any other flowers.

(To be Continued)

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MAY REVOLUTIONIZE MOVING PICTURES

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—A concave motion picture screen that may revolutionize the movies was tried out at a local theatre this morning. It is said to give an effect of a third dimension—an appearance of thickness or depth—that relieves eye strain. A group of scientists witnessed the experiment. Dr. Louis Pech, head of the faculty of medicine at the University of Montpellier, France, the inventor, described the exhibition. Dr. Pech ascribes the relief from eye strain to his belief that the eye functions normally when it sees things of three dimensions, even if the appearance of the third dimension is an illusion.

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TO COMMEMORATE WORK OF AMERICANS

PARIS, Wednesday, Dec. 17.—Montfaucon hill, in the Argonne, on which are hundreds of graves of American soldiers who fell in battle in September and October, 1918, may be made a historical monument by the French government. It is expected that the ruins of the village of Montfaucon which surround the top of the hill, will be left in their present condition to further commemorate the work of the Americans during the great struggle.

SLIGHT ATTACK OF WANDERLUST

"I just wanted to see the world, you know," was the only explanation vouchsafed by 10-year-old Lezansky when he was brought back to his home, 31 South street last evening, after his parents had worried all day over his mysterious disappearance. John left home early in the morning, and was apprehended by one of Boston's "new" policemen at the North station late in the afternoon. He says he won't do it again.

NAMED AUXILIARY BISHOP OF HARTFORD

ROME, Wednesday, Dec. 17.—The Rev. John G. Murray, chancellor and secretary of the diocese of Hartford, Conn., has been appointed auxiliary bishop of Hartford, and titular bishop of Flavina. This appointment will be announced at a public consistory to be held tomorrow.

CONFISCATED Liquor Valued at \$8000 Seized From Ship

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 18.—Liquor valued at \$8000, seized on board the Western Union cable ship, Robert C. Clowry, has been ordered confiscated. The ship was released on payment of a fine of \$400.

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REHABILITATION WORK IN FRANCE

PARIS, Wednesday, Dec. 17.—Rehabilitation work in northern France is being continued by the Smith college unit of the Red Cross, which has taken up headquarters at Greycourt. Mrs. George B. Ford of New York city, who has been in charge of the women personnel of the American Red Cross in Europe for the past two years, has gone to join the college girls.

GIFTS FOR AMERICAN SOLDIERS OVERSEAS

PARIS, Wednesday, Dec. 17.—American officers and enlisted men who will spend Yuletide in Paris will be the guests of the American Red Cross. An old fashioned party will be held on Christmas afternoon, Santa Claus presiding at a huge Christmas tree to distribute gifts and packages from America.

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DROP OF \$736,824 IN LIQUOR REVENUE

BOSTON, Dec. 18.—The total revenue from liquor licenses in Boston during the year from Dec. 1, 1918, to Dec. 1, 1919, was \$736,824.32 less than the previous year, according to the 14th annual report of the licensing board of the city of Boston, which was forwarded to Gov. Coolidge last night.

The report refers to the serious effects federal legislation has had on the liquor trade, and says:

"There is little cause for criticism of the liquor dealers for their conduct during the year. As a whole, they have met the hard problem of being driven from business by federal legislation without bitterness and with praiseworthy obedience to law."

The report shows that between July 1, 1919, and Nov. 30, 711 licenses were surrendered and that the number of places in operation on Nov. 30 was 702.

The total revenue during the year ending Dec. 1 for liquor licenses of all classes, less refunds, was \$629,660.93, of which 25 per cent is paid to the commonwealth.

The total revenue from all other licenses issued by the board together with miscellaneous receipts during the same period, was \$28,540.64.

The expenses of the board for the year, Dec. 1, 1918, to Dec. 1, 1919, amounted to \$37,256.53.

In the section of its report referring to lodging houses the board says:

"Under the true name bill lodging houses are required to take out licenses where rooms are let to five or more lodgers, and 476 such licenses have been issued during the year. Lodging house licenses are issued without any license fee, since the act makes no provision therefor. The board recommends that for each license a fee of \$2 be charged."

"This sum could easily be paid by each licensee and would reimburse the city or town for the expense of issuing the licenses, and would, we believe, direct the attention of the lodging house keeper more particularly to the importance of knowing and obeying the law."

LABOR UNION MEETINGS

At a meeting of the Beavers' union held last evening President Walter G. Roche was presented a gold watch as a mark of appreciation for the services he has rendered the organization as its president. The presentation was made by Patrick Twomey. Routine business was transacted and the election of officers was held with the following result: President, Walter G. Roche; vice president, John A. McKenna; financial secretary, Walter Kelly; recording secretary, John Blackburn; warden, Richard Fox; trustees, John Breckenridge, William Laird, Joseph E. H. business agent, Walter G. Roche; delegates to the Trades and Labor Council, Walter G. Roche, Alfred Angus, Sam Malley; Benjamin Daly, John Duffy, John Lavell and S. McDonald; delegates to the Textile Council, Walter G. Roche, Alfred Angus, John Breckenridge, Walter Kelly, John Sullivan, John McKenna and Patrick Twomey.

Woolen Weavers' Union
President Michael Casey occupied the chair at the regular meeting of the Woolen and Worsted Weavers' union, which was held last evening. Considerable business was transacted and the election of officers was held with the following result: President, Michael Casey; vice president, Fred J. Shields; recording secretary, Miss Alice Covine; and financial secretary and treasurer, Frank McGrath.

CUMMISKEY BUILDING SOLD
The Independent Beef and Provision Co. of 95 Market street has purchased the Cumiskey building at 149-153 Market street and will remodel the structure so as to occupy it within a short time. The building is of brick construction, four stories high and covers an area of 3,000 square feet.

BLISS NATIVE HERB TABLETS

TO-NIGHT AT BEDTIME

If you feel out-of-sorts, run-down or "all in" from over exertion, or if you are constipated, or your liver is out of order, take BLISS NATIVE HERB TABLETS. In severe cases of headache or rheumatism pains two tablets may be taken. You will get up next morning feeling very much better. Bliss Native Herb Tablets act gently but effectively on the kidney, liver, and bowels. The dollar box contains six months' supply and usually lasts six months. Get the genuine and look for the trade mark and money back guarantee on each box. Two sizes. (B)
50c and \$1.00.
Sold by leading druggists and local agents everywhere. Made by Alonzo O. Bliss Co., Washington, D.C.

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FOR CHRISTMAS CANDLES

Tree candles, box of 24 (assorted colors) 20c
Tree candles, box of 36 (assorted colors) 20c

These are spiral shaped candles.
(See Window)

FREE CITY MOTOR DELIVERY
C. B. COBURN CO.
63 MARKET ST.
ESTABLISHED 1837

The Store Is Now a Great Gift Center

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Five floors devoted to the sale of Christmas Gifts. Gifts for the whole family and wonderful toys for the children. Santa Claus is here every day from 10 to 12 in the morning and from 2 to 5 in the afternoon. Bring the children in and let them tell Santa what they want for Christmas. Remember there are only five more shopping days until Christmas. For the convenience of our customers we will be open until nine o'clock every night next week until Christmas. The store is ready both with service and merchandise—to make this a happy and long to be remembered Christmas.



Conduroy Robes, with or without linings, in copon, wisteria and American Beauty shades..... \$8.50 to \$18.98

Gift Petticoats

Petticoats of messoline, Jersey and Taffeta, in all the suit and dress colorings, including black.....\$5.98 to \$12.50
Also in the Same Department

You Will Find—
Boudoir Caps of satin, crepe de chine, net and lace, prettily trimmed with ribbons and rosebuds.....50c to \$5.00
Dressing Scaques of dotted muslin, Empire or straight line effects, ribbon and lace trimmed.....\$2.49

Gift Undermuslins

You will wonder when you see these dainty garments of such artful fashioning and dainty appeal how we can possibly offer them so reasonably.

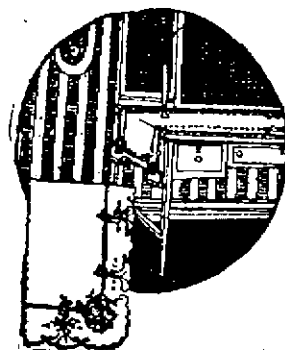
Camisoles of wash satin and crepe de chine, lace and insertion trimmed, also plain tailored models. Regulation shoulder or strap models, white or flesh.....\$1.50

Camisoles, many other dainty styles to choose from. Priced 98c to \$4.98

Satin and Crepe de Chine Gowns, Chemise, Bloomers, Billie Burkes and Novelties at Popular Prices.

Beautiful assortment of new Philippine Chemise and Gowns, plain with scalloped edge or more elaborate styles with real silk and embroidery. Priced.....\$2.98 to \$10.50

Fancy Linen Gifts



\$3.50 Centre Pieces, silk designs, with 36 inches round.....\$2.98

\$3.50 Centre Pieces, lace trimmed, silk designs, 45 inches round, \$2.98

\$1.25 Centre Pieces, lace trimmed, neat designs, 18 inches round, \$1.00

\$1.75 Lace Trimmed Centre Pieces with insertion, silk designs, 24 inches round.....\$1.59

\$2.00 One-Piece Shawls, trimmed with heavy lace, full sizes, each \$1.59

All Linen Hand Made Madeira Doilies, 10 inches round, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.39

Scarfs with Bluebird Pattern and Lunch Cloth to match.

All prices—
54 Inch Lunch Cloths \$3.98
63 Inch Lunch Cloths \$4.98
72 Inch Lunch Cloths \$5.75
18x54 Inch Scarfs \$1.59

Christmas Offerings

From the Furniture and Rug Department

Royal Easy Chairs, the most comfortable and most durable easy chair made. Just push the button and the back reclines. These chairs are all guaranteed, finished in mahogany, golden oak, and fumed oak. Three styles—\$28.50, \$33.50, \$38.50

Reed Rockers and Chairs, upholstered with cretonne covering, \$16.50 to \$23.50

Mahogany and Oak Pedestals, various styles, \$4.49 to \$10.50

Mahogany Tea Wagons, heavy rubber tired wheels with detachable glass tray\$23.50

Smoker Stands in fumed oak, mahogany and brass. A very useful gift at the following prices—
\$4.98, \$5.98, \$6.98, \$9.98, \$11.50 and \$12.98

Folding Card Tables, 30 inch leatherette top.....\$2.98

Heavy Brass Beds, solidly built pattern.....\$24.50

Silk Floss Mattress, guaranteed 1007 floss, covered with best quality art ticking; an appreciated gift.....\$21.50

Klearflax Mats for any room in the house. The most practical mat woven, in plain colors, blue, brown, rose, gray and green—
27x54 inch\$5.00
30x60 inch\$6.50
36x72 inch\$8.50



Bring Your Thrift Club Checks to Our Store

Merchandise Bonds



The life of a merchandise bond is a short one. Hardly ever does it stay in existence more than one short year. But while on this earth it makes people happy. The Christmas season is its happiest time. For the giver it affords happiness because it settles the gift problem. For the givee it is a source of great pleasure.

Merchandise Bonds are sold at our Information Desk on the Street Floor and in the Main Office on the Fifth Floor. They have no time limit and are good for the value written on the face. These bonds may be purchased for any amount and the recipient may exchange them for merchandise in like amount anywhere in the store.



\$10.00 Will Purchase These Beautiful Selections for Christmas—Fifteen Selections.

18541—"The Royal Vagabond, 'Canary' by Joseph C. Smith's Orchestra.....\$5c
17677—"The Original Fox Trot" Van Eps Trio, 'The Morning' Saxophone Rag, Six Brown Brothers.....\$5c
35251—"War Songs" and "Sea Songs," by Victor Chorus.....\$1.35
18495—"National Emblem March," by U. S. Marine Band and "Lights Out," by Pryor's Band.....\$5c
18544—"Walt and Sea," by Henry Burr and "Tears of Love," sung by Charles Hart, \$5c
74559—"Angels Ever Bright and Fair," by Alma Gluck.....\$1.50
74425—"I'll Take You Home Again, Kathleen," solo by Clarence Whitell.....\$1.50
60143—"It's Nice to Get Up in the Morning," by Harry Lauder.....\$1.75
74189—"Humoresque," by Fritz Kreisler.....\$1.50

Gift Slippers



Women's Indian Moccasins, many pretty colors to select from. Some are beaded with gay colored Indian beads, \$1.49 to \$2.50

Women's Felt Comfy Slippers, colors are grey, wine, brown, navy and blue. Good range of sizes to select from.....\$2.00

Women's Felt Slippers, in gray and dark colors with felt soles 79c

Daniel Green Comfy Slippers for Women. All colors and sizes to be found in our complete stock. We would suggest that you buy now while there are plenty of sizes to select from.....\$2.50 to \$2.75

Women's Felt Juliettes, with leather soles and heels, all colors.....\$1.49

Women's Felt Juliettes, with leather soles and heels, fur trimmed, in colors—black, red, wine and gray.....\$1.85

Men's Slippers, felt comfy, soft leather soles, dark grey felt top. All sizes, 6 to 11.....\$1.98

Men's Moccasins, tan elk leather with leather soles, best made. All sizes 6 to 11.....\$4.00

Men's Moccasins light and dark kid leather with beads and pictures, all sizes 6 to 10.....\$2.00

Men's Slippers, brown and black kid, hand made. Romeo and low cut styles, all sizes.....\$5.00

Gift Dresses

Infants' White Dresses, pretty new models, long and short styles. Priced \$1.98 to \$4.98

Girls' White Dresses, sizes 6 to 14 years, pretty snow white frocks developed in lawn, organdie, or net, \$4.98 to \$17.98

Girls' Tub Dresses, sizes 6 to 14 years. These dresses make excellent and useful gifts. Fashioned of plaid, checked, or striped gingham. Also some models of plain chambray with collars embroidered in contrasting colors, 2-\$98 to \$5.98

ALSO IN THE SAME DEPARTMENT

Infants' Soft Sole Shoes and Moccasins and Novelty Bootees. Priced 85c to \$1.49

Infants' White Sweaters, blue or pink trimmed, made of pure worsted.....\$2.49 to \$3.98



Drapery Gifts

In our Drapery Department you will find numerous practical gifts that will please the home lover. For instance, here are just a few—

Ruffled Organdie Muslin Curtains with tie-back complete, 2½ yards long, pair.....\$2.25

Bordered Serim Sash Curtains, 1¼ yards long, pair.....35c

Sheer White Serim Curtains, Dutch style, with a neat lace edge, all hemmed, ready to hang, pair.....\$1.39

Window Shades, slightly damaged, all colors.....55c

Dutch Serim Curtains, with rose color design, all hemmed, ready to hang, pair.....98c

Pillows for Christmas.....98c to \$6.00

Matting Boxes and Cedar Chests.....\$16.50 to \$22.50

Ye Store News

Bring your Thrift Club Checks to our store. We will gladly accept them in payment for merchandise or will cash them upon identification.

Only five days more! Better hurry up! Don't know what to give? Why not settle the difficulty by giving one of our merchandise bonds.

Call Lowell 5000, the store of absolute satisfaction.

Check your bundles at our Information Desk on the street floor. Bundles do not necessarily have to be purchases made in our store. We are glad to accommodate our customers by checking any of their parcels. No charge whatsoever.



Christmas Offerings

FROM THE BOYS' SHOP

This is the last Saturday before the joyful feast of Christmas. Don't forget your little son. He will want a practical gift as well as a rifle or a set of erectors. Why not give him one of the following:

Boys' Wool Suits, in fancy chevrons, corduroy or blue serge, \$6.59 to \$17.00

Boys' Oliver Twist White Satin Poplin Blouses with velvet or fine corduroy pants, sizes 2½ to 7.....\$9.75

Boys' Wool Ulsters, Long Overcoats, Mackinaws and Sheepskin Coats, sizes from 9 to 18 years.....\$9.50 to \$16.50

Bathrobes for boys, age 4 to 18 years.....\$3.95 to \$6.75

Boys' Rubber Coats.....\$3.75 to \$6.00

Boys' Rubber Caps.....95c

Boys' Overcoats, sizes 2½ to 10, all colors and makes, warm wooleens with plaid lining.....\$5.75 to \$12.00

Junior Hats, chevrons and velvet and plush.....\$1.50 to \$4.25

Boys' Two Pant Suits, fancy brown, grey and green mixtures, \$8.50 to \$15.95

Boys' Suits, junior styles—wash suits for house and school wear and woollen suits for the street. Sailor, suits, Middies, Russian suits and Norfolk styles. Fancy chevrons, cassimeres, velvet, corduroy and serge. Sizes 2½ to 10.....\$2.45 to \$9.95

Store Open Evenings All Next Week.

Hours—9 A. M. to 9 P. M.



Chalifoux's CORNER
ESTABLISHED 1875
THE STORE OF ABSOLUTE SATISFACTION

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JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM

To Go Into Effect Here
at Opening of the
School Year
Committee Makes But Few
Changes in Plan Submitted
by Superintendent

The junior high school system will go into effect in most of Lowell's schools at the opening of the school year next September. In accordance with a decision reached by the school committee at a special meeting last evening when it voted to accept Supt. Hugh J. Molloy's report on the new system and to adopt his recommendations with amendments submitted by Julian B. Keyes.

The system will go into effect next September in the Bartlett school district, comprising the Bartlett, Green and Pawtucket schools; the Moody school district, comprising the Moody, Colburn and Riverside schools, and the Varnum district, comprising the Varnum and Greenhalge schools.

In the Highland district and the Edison-Butler district it was voted to defer the installation of the new system until suitable building accommodations are secured.

Of the nine recommendations with their amendments which were put to a vote, William L. Crowley opposed seven and Dr. William R. Thompson three. The other members favored all the recommendations.

Although the meeting was scheduled for 5 p. m., it was nearly five hours later, or 9.50 when Chairman Richard Bradbrook Walsh called the meeting to order. All members were present.

Leaves of absence were granted Miss Roberta Bramhall of the Girls Vocational school and C. Fred Campbell of the Evening High school.

The resignations of Miss Abigail Bacon and Miss Winnifred Taylor were accepted and votes of thanks extended.

Chairman Walsh read a communication from Adelard Rivet who conducts a confectionery store at 301 Gorham st., in which he protested against the maintenance of a candy table at the Edison school on the grounds that it interferes with his business. The committee voted to give him a hearing at its meeting on the last Tuesday of December.

The committee approved the organization by the superintendent of a continuation class at the Hamilton mills.

Miss Helen Pollycott was elected a temporary teacher at the Vocational school to succeed Miss Bramhall at a salary of \$950.

Miss Helen L. Eveleth and Miss Teresa White were elected kindergarten teachers at the regulation first year salaries.

The committee approved the recommendation of the superintendent that a local sight-saving class be organized in co-operation with the Massachusetts commission for the blind.

Junior High School System
Then came the discussion of the junior high school system. Mr. Keyes moved that the report of the superintendent and his recommendations, with certain amendments, be adopted. Mr. Crowley requested that a roll call be taken on the motion and Dr. Thompson moved that Mr. Keyes' motion be amended so that each recommendation would be voted on separately.

Action on the various recommendations as amended was as follows:
Recommendation No. 1, providing that no material change be made in the present system until next September, was unanimously adopted.

Recommendation No. 2, providing for the preparation of detailed plans for the organization of the Bartlett school as a junior high school for the children of the Bartlett, Green, Pawtucket district, the Moody school for the children of the Moody, Colburn, Riverside district, and the Varnum school-Greenhalge district, was adopted with Mr. Crowley dissenting.

Recommendation No. 3, providing that organization of junior high schools in the Highland district and the Edison-Butler district be entered upon as soon as suitable additions have been provided, was adopted with Mr. Crowley again in opposition.

Recommendation No. 4, providing for a formal inquiry of all teachers interested in junior high school work, the establishment of courses for their preparation and the selection of teachers for this work by the superintendent with the approval of the junior high school and the school committee, was adopted with Mr. Crowley and Dr. Thompson opposed.

Recommendation No. 5, regarding the salaries of junior high school teachers, was adopted with Meers

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It may be possible that you don't know what SEVEN BARKS stands for, so we will enlighten you: It is a safe, remarkable remedy, made from the extracts of seven different kinds of roots and herbs, every one of which has great medicinal value, scientifically blended and for nearly 50 years has been a reliable remedy for indigestion, constipation, liver, kidney and stomach disorders.

SEVEN BARKS has never been extensively advertised, but has enjoyed a wonderful and steady sale for nearly a half century, and purely upon its merits.

SEVEN BARKS has saved thousands of families doctor's bills, as well as untold suffering. It is inexpensive, only 50 cents per bottle, and the dose is from 10 to 20 drops in a little water after meals.

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Don't put off asking your druggist for SEVEN BARKS. If he does not happen to have it, he will get it for you.

Be A REGULAR GIRL. Buy Red Cream Stamps.

RIBBON
Dainty ribbon to tie your Xmas packages.
Large variety of fancy ribbons for bags and camisoles,
59c to \$4.98

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Embroidery Scissors, all steel, 89c to \$3.25
Gold Neck Chains, \$1.25 to \$1.75
Manicure Sets \$1.19 to \$8.75
Velvet Bags \$4.50 to \$25.00
Handkerchiefs 12 1/2c to 69c
Mocha Gloves \$3.00 and \$3.50
Cape Gloves \$1.98 and \$2.50
Fancy Spats.....\$1.79 to \$2.50
Felt Slippers.....98c to \$2.50
New Pointed Collars\$1.50
Organdie and Pique Sets, 98c to \$2.98
Venise Roll Collars, \$1.50 to \$1.98
Silk Neck Scarfs\$1.50
Waists, Voile, Crepe de Chine, Georgette Crepe. 98c to \$32.50
Blanket Bathrobes \$5.98 to \$10
Fancy Tea Aprons, 49c to \$1.98
Camisoles, lace and ribbon trimmed 98c to \$3.98
Boudoir Caps 49c to \$5.00
Muslin Gowns\$1.50 to \$4.50
Envelope Chemise, 98c to \$3.98
Ivory Jewel Cases, \$1.25 to \$6.98
Large Shopping Bags\$1.98
Ivory Picture Frames, 59c to \$1.50
Ivory Perfume Bottles, 59c to \$1.49
Shopping Lists and Address Books 39c to 79c
Corset Covers 59c to \$1.98
Kimonas (flannelette), \$1.50 to \$3.98
Crepe Kimonas ..\$1.98 to \$5.00
Silk Kimonas\$6.50 to \$15.98
Petticoats\$1.25 to \$3.98
Figured Camisoles\$1.98
Sweaters\$2.98 to \$18.98
Scarfs (fur)\$16.50 to \$75.00
Muffs\$32.50 to \$65.00
Sets of Furs\$37.50 to \$125.00
Children's Furs ..\$7.98 to \$15.00
Perfume, all makes and odors.
Brassieres 65c to \$3.50
Bandeaux 59c to \$3.00
Table Covers\$2.49 to \$6.50
Bureau Scarfs75c to \$2.25
Slippers 98c to \$2.50

Gifts for a Close Friend.
CREPE OR NAINSOOK BLOOMERS 89c to \$1.25
ENVELOPE CHEMISES\$1.00 to \$11.50
CORSET COVERS 59c to \$1.98
CAMISOLES 98c to \$3.98
NIGHTGOWNS\$1.50 to \$10.98
BOUDOIR CAPS—Several hundred new dainty ones just received 49c
OTHER BOUDOIR CAPS 59c to \$5.00

Merrimack and Palmer Sts. Lowell, Mass.
Don't Bother With the HOT WATER BOTTLE
Or the Old Fashioned Mustard Applications.
Radway's JELLFORM—in a tube—is cleaner, more convenient. Takes away the pain—does not blister or discolor the skin—vanishes quickly—and has a warming, soothing effect.
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JELLFORM is Radway's Ready Relief in a concentrated form, put up in a portable tube—THE MODERN WAY.
LIQUID—in BOTTLES OR JELLFORM—in TUBE.
At drug stores—33 cents and 75 cents.
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WOMEN'S APPEAL KEEPS D'ANNUNZIO IN FIUME
TRIESTE, Tuesday, Dec. 17 (By the Associated Press).—The withdrawal from Fiume of Gabriele D'Annunzio and his troops, which was set for yesterday

WHAT SHALL I GIVE?
Christmas is almost upon us. We are ready to serve you with a complete diversity of suitable and attractive gift-things. The assortments are broad and comprehensive. Every item below a pleasing gift, yet the cost is very moderate.

HANDKERCHIEFS
No list complete without this gift.
Women's Madeira Handkerchiefs.....39c
Women's All Linen Embroidered Handkerchiefs (3 in a box).....\$1.00
Women's Handkerchiefs, daintily embroidered50c
Women's Fine Lawn Handkerchiefs, 1-4 inch hem10c
Men's Fine Initial Handkerchiefs.....25c
Men's Fine Lawn Handkerchiefs; hand thread drawn.....35c; 3 for \$1.00
Men's Handkerchiefs, special bleached, ready for use29c
Men's Pure Linen Handkerchiefs 39c to 69c

Hosiery
Women's Fibre Hose, semi-fashioned, black and colors\$1.15
Other Fibre Silk Hose.....79c to \$1.50
Women's Lisle Hose39c to \$1.25
Women's Pure Thread Silk Hose, comfort fashioned, black and colors.....\$2.00
Other Silk Hose\$2.50 to \$4.00
Women's Wool Hose59c to \$1.25

Lingerie
Gifts for a Close Friend.
CREPE OR NAINSOOK BLOOMERS 89c to \$1.25
ENVELOPE CHEMISES\$1.00 to \$11.50
CORSET COVERS 59c to \$1.98
CAMISOLES 98c to \$3.98
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Dainty Gift Aprons
Just Received
1000 GIFT APRONS
At an average saving of at least 25%.
TEA APRONS, made of fine lawn or dotted muslin, finished with val. lace and embroidery49c to \$1.98
FLANNELETTE PETTICOATS—A useful gift75c to \$1.25
FLANNELETTE GOWNS—A sensible gift\$1.49 to \$2.98
PETTICOATS, either all silk or just silk finished\$1.25 to \$12.00

Kimonas
LONG FLANNELETTE KIMONAS, trimmed with wash satin\$1.98
OTHER FLANNELETTE KIMONAS, \$1.50 to \$3.98
SILK KIMONAS\$6.50 to \$15.98
LONG CREPE KIMONAS with wash satin trimming, in dainty models, \$2.50
OTHER CREPE KIMONAS, \$1.98 to \$5

Gift Slippers
For Men, Women and Children
New lot of Daniel Green's Comfy Slippers just received.
WOMEN'S DANIEL GREEN'S COMFY SLIPPERS, \$1.79 to \$2.50
MEN'S DANIEL GREEN'S COMFY FELT SLIPPERS, \$2.69
CHILDREN'S DANIEL GREEN COMFY SLIPPERS, \$1.85 to \$2.00
WOMEN'S FELT JULIETS\$1.49
WOMEN'S FELT COMFY SLIPPERS98c to \$1.49
MEN'S BLACK AND TAN KID SLIPPERS, \$1.98 to \$3.50
CHILDREN'S FELT SLIPPERS79c to \$1.49

CHRISTMAS CLUB CHECKS
— And —
LIBERTY BOND COUPONS
Will be accepted in payment for merchandise.

Gifts for Men
Cuff Links, gold filled, 25c to 98c
Cuff Links, solid gold, \$8.49 to \$9.75
Scarf Pins59c to \$4.50
All Linen Handkerchiefs, 39c to 69c
Lawn Handkerchiefs, 10c to 35c
Initial Handkerchiefs, 25c to 59c
Sport Handkerchiefs.....59c
Suede Gloves\$2.50
Cape Gloves\$2.50 and \$3.00
Bill Folds59c to \$3.50
Students' Bags\$2.95 to \$6.85
Mufflers\$1.50 to \$6.00
Suspenders50c to \$2.00
Fancy Armbands25c and \$2.00
Silk Hose59c to \$1.50
Bathrobes\$7.50 to \$13.50
Neckties55c to \$2.50
Shirts\$1.95 to \$11.95
Sweaters\$6.95 to \$10.00
Night Shirts\$1.25 to \$3.00
Leather Belts50c to \$1.50
Leather House Slippers, \$1.98 to \$2.98
Indian Moccasins\$1.95
Felt Slippers\$2.69
Arctics, 4 buckles, \$2.50 to \$4.00
Slippers\$1.98 to \$3.50

GIFTS FOR BOYS
Bathrobes\$3.98
Pajamas\$1.25 and \$1.65
Raincoats (black rubber) \$5.00
Sweaters\$3.98 to \$8.00
Toques50c to \$1.50
Mackinaws\$8.98 and \$9.98
Wash Suits\$1.50 to \$2.25
Leather Belts25c and 50c
Ties 50c
Shirts\$1.25
Blouses\$1.00
Plush Hats.....\$1.50 and \$2.00
Caps (with ear bands), \$1.00 and \$1.50
Juvenile Suits\$3.98 to \$11.95
Little Boys' Overcoats, \$5.95 to \$11.95
Kazon Suspender Waists.....75c
Flannel Shirts\$1.75
Wool Gloves49c to \$1.25
Wool Mittens49c and 69c
Storm Shoes\$3.98 to \$5.50
Overshoes\$1.50 and \$1.69
Rubber Boots\$1.49 to \$4.98

morning, did not take place, owing to the women of the town having implored the post-soldier to retain the present garrison there.

D'Annunzio announces that he will not leave Fiume until the plebiscite, which he has ordered for Thursday, approves of his departure.

A group of women in Fiume has organized a demonstration against withdrawal of the post.

ROME, Tuesday, Dec. 17.—It is announced by the Giornale D'Italia that Prince von Buelow, former German ambassador to Italy, will arrive in Rome next week, accompanied by Princess von Buelow, returning to the villa which they own here.

CHRISTMAS PARTY
An enjoyable Christmas party was held by the Father Lights society of the Calvary Baptist church at the home of Miss Laura Gumb, 63 Oakland street, last evening. Miss Eleanor Dows played the role of Santa Claus, and a large Christmas tree, covered with gifts and all the time honored decorations, was the centre of attraction. A brief business meeting followed, at which Miss Bertha Phinney, the president, presided.

COURT REFUSES TO ANNUL MARRIAGE
ALFRED, Me., Dec. 18.—In a finding handed down Tuesday, Associate Justice Albert M. Spear of the supreme judicial court of this state refuses to annul the marriage of William J. Duffy, an attaché of the naval prison at Portsmouth, N. H., who on Feb. 18 was married to Julia V. Mullane of Kittery. In seeking an annulment of the marriage Duffy, who since the marriage has taken a second wife, claimed that he was pilled with liquor and then forced to wed.

The case, which was originally scheduled for York county, was heard in the supreme court in this city about the middle of November. Duffy declared on the stand that he was lured from his home while under the influence of liquor and married to Miss Mullane on the eve of his intended marriage to Helen Healey of Manchester, N. H., and to whom he has since been married. The decision of Justice Spear said that the marriage was admittedly according to law.

Referring to the allegations of conspiracy and fraud by the petitioner, he points out that criminal intent is necessary to prove conspiracy and that conspiracy was not proved, that in charging fraud the petitioner claimed he was pilled with intoxicating drink to the point that he did not know what he was doing. To this the court says that the class of witnesses offered by the petitioner invited suspicion.

The testimony of Aaron B. Cole, a justice of the peace residing in Kittery, who performed the ceremony, which was offered in opposition to the testimony of the petitioner's witnesses, convinced the court that Duffy's charge of fraud was not proved. In refusing to annul the marriage Justice Spear pointed out that both were at fault in entering the marriage state with eyes open and in full disregard for its sanctity. The decision was filed with Clerk of Courts Fenderson of York county.

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FARMERS' INSTITUTE**Fruits and Fruit Culture Discussed at Meeting Held in Local Church**

Fruit varieties and culture were under discussion for the greater part of the session of the Farmers' Institute held yesterday at the Paige Street Baptist church and because the meeting took on the form of a forum and consisted of a long and varied program of questions, answers and helpful criticism it was particularly helpful. The principal speaker was Martin King, Jr., of Danville, N. Y., head of the King Brothers' nurseries. His subject was "Fruit Varieties and Growing a Nursery Stock in New York State."

An interesting phase of the discussion was the selection of the six best or most valuable varieties of apples, peaches, pears, cherries and plums for this vicinity of New England, taking into consideration the way of marketing and profitable growing. The varieties which finally landed in the honored lists were selected only after long discussion and argument, as practically every fruit lover present had his own favorite to advance.

The apples chosen were named in the following order: Mackintosh Red, Duchess, Gravenstein, Baldwin, Williams and Red Astrachan. Pears were classified as follows: Bartlett, Bosc, Seckel, Sheldon, Anjou and Clapp's Favorite. Peach choices favored Elberta, Carmen, Belle of Georgia, Hale, Champion and Greening. In that order, while the plum list was Burbank, Bradshaw, Shropshire, Damson, Abundance, Lombard and York State Prune. The cherry selection did not bring forth so many varieties, but a preference list was expressed as follows: Tartarian, Black Eagle, Montmorency, Morello, Windsor and Smith.

The meeting was practically unanimous in proclaiming the Mackintosh Red the main marketing apple for Middlesex county. The Baldwin's solid reputation was not attacked, but the Red seems to have the call. It was agreed that New England and Middlesex county have wonderful opportunities for apple growing and furthermore, that the present grade of fruit runs very high.

Mr. King spoke in the hope that he might present the fundamentals of

nursery work in a practical way. He said that almost any soil in New York state or New England, well drained, is admirably suited for small fruits. Pears do best in heavy clay soil, he said; cherries in rich dry soil, plums in fairly strong ground, quinces in a comparatively moist location and apples in heavy rich soils. Climate also is important and long cold winters tend to give young stock strength, firmness and hardiness, but elevations must be avoided, where excessive cold would probably kill young stock. Continuing, he said in part:

"About 30 years ago it was a common practice for American nurserymen to raise their own seedlings from the seed. A large proportion of apples is still raised here from the seed, but of late years millions of seedlings have been imported from France. We found that it was cheaper to pay the price asked by the Frenchmen, add the transportation charges and the duty on the stock, than to raise them in this country. Consequently the growers of pear, plum and cherry seedlings went out of business, only a few apple seedling growers keeping at it in the west, notably Kansas. Since the summer of 1918 French grown seedlings have advanced 10 times the price at which they were bought before the war.

"Cherry seedlings that for 20 years back sold around \$1.50 per 1000 are now \$45 per 1000, with cost of boxing, transportation and duty to be added. All other kinds of seedlings in France have gone up in price in proportion. So the American nurseryman this spring must pay for the seedling he buys delivered in this country about the same price that he has been charging the orchardist for two-year-old budded trees. It will be impossible to obtain American grown seedlings to take the place of the French product for the coming spring planting and likewise impossible this year to get the seeds from northern France and Italy where they are collected by the peasants, so we cannot make a start here in America to have seedlings in any great quantity even for the spring of 1921.

"The result to the fruit tree buyer will be very, very high prices for fruit trees during the next five years."

AMUSEMENT NOTES

Below is what the press agents of the different theatres say of the current attractions and of others to come:

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MEN'S HATS.....	\$3 to \$10
MEN'S CAPS.....	\$1.50 to \$3
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MEN'S GLOVES.....	50c to \$8
MEN'S SHIRTS.....	\$2 to \$12
MEN'S NECKWEAR.....	65c to \$3
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MEN'S UNDERWEAR.....	\$1 to \$7
MEN'S SWEATERS.....	\$3.95 to \$15
MEN'S BEACH JACKETS.....	\$5
MEN'S CUFF LINKS.....	50c to \$5
MEN'S SCARF PINS.....	50c to \$5
MEN'S MUFFLERS.....	\$1.50 to \$5
MEN'S SUSPENDERS.....	50c to 65c
MEN'S HANDKERCHIEFS.....	15c to \$1
MEN'S PAJAMAS.....	\$2 to \$5
MEN'S NIGHT SHIRTS.....	\$1.50 and \$2

Gifts for Women

LADIES' SUITS.....	\$30 to \$60
LADIES' COATS.....	\$30 to \$65
LADIES' FUR COATS.....	\$195 to \$295
LADIES' WAISTS.....	\$2.98 to \$12.98
LADIES' SWEATERS.....	\$5 to \$10
LADIES' PETTICOATS.....	\$3.95 to \$6.95
LADIES' SKIRTS.....	\$5 to \$29.75
LADIES' RAINCOATS.....	\$10 to \$25
LADIES' DRESSES.....	\$15 to \$65
LADIES' BATH ROBES.....	\$3.95 to \$10
LADIES' FUR PIECES.....	\$10 to \$65
LADIES' HANDKERCHIEFS, Box	\$1.50 to \$3

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BOYS' OVERCOATS.....	\$8 to \$25
BOYS' SUITS.....	\$10 to \$20
BOYS' RAINCOATS.....	\$4 and \$5
BOYS' BATH ROBES.....	\$3 and \$5
BOYS' PAJAMAS.....	\$1.50
BOYS' GLOVES and MITTENS	50c to \$1
BOYS' BLUE SERGE PANTS	\$2.50 and \$3
BOYS' CORDUROY PANTS	\$2 and \$2.50
BOYS' MIXTURE PANTS.....	\$2.50
BOYS' NECKWEAR.....	50c and 65c
BOYS' UNION SUITS.....	\$1.50
BOYS' SUSPENDERS.....	35c
BOYS' SWEATERS.....	\$3.95 to \$8
BOYS' SHIRTS.....	89c to \$1.50
BOYS' WAISTS.....	89c to \$1.50
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Opera House.

The wardrobe of Miss Marguerite Fields, leading woman with the Lowell Opera players who are presenting the great drama, "Birds of Prey" at the Opera House this week, should prove unusually attractive and interesting to the patrons, particularly the women folk. Miss Fields has shown exceptional taste in her selection of gowns, and she wears them with a grace and charm that is marked. Her acting this week is also a happy and enjoyable feature of the production, in which all of the members are seen to advantage. Next week the holiday attraction will be that recently released stage success of recent seasons, "Follies," an adaptation from the book that had five million readers. Order your tickets early.

The Strand.

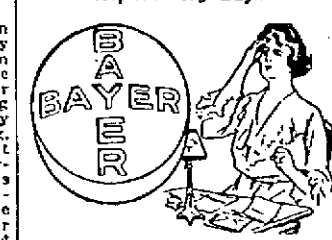
"Lord and Lady Algy," the screen presentation of the famous Broadway success in which William Faversham starred some seasons back, will be the feature film offering at The Strand for the last part of the week, beginning with matinee today. Although the story does not preach the evils of betting, the tragic moments are brought about by Lord Algy's loss of his entire fortune. Miss Fields has shown exceptional taste in her selection of gowns, and she wears them with a grace and charm that is marked. Her acting this week is also a happy and enjoyable feature of the production, in which all of the members are seen to advantage. Next week the holiday attraction will be that recently released stage success of recent seasons, "Follies," an adaptation from the book that had five million readers. Order your tickets early.

In the hero making a fool of himself by coming there in a half-intoxicated condition. Tom Moore and a competent cast interpret this really remarkable picture story in a way that will surely meet the approval of all.

Love never before awakened the heart of a cold beauty in quite the novel fashion presented in "Lost Money," which begins its engagement here today. Madeline Travers, noted for her beauty and smart clothes, enacts an intensely dramatic role with keen intelligence and great force. It's an unusual story of a fight for love and money in an African diamond field. The usual good comedy and Weekly

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will be shown. Don't forget the Boot & Shoe exhibit. It is educational as well as entertaining. See the footwear of centuries ago.

DENIES MAYNARD'S JUGGLING CHARGE

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—On Sunday, for the first time since Sept. 9, law and order in Boston will be entirely dependent on the police force.

Between now and Sunday morning all the state guard units now on police duty will have been withdrawn, the new policemen having been filled out with uniforms and having so familiarized themselves with their duties as to inspire the authorities with confidence that outside aid is no longer needed.

Colonel Kincaide, commander of the provisional regiment of state guard which has been on duty of late, started relieving units under his command yesterday morning when the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th companies were sent home. Col. Kincaide directs the men to hold themselves in readiness to answer a call for further duty "until the present emergency ceases to exist."

THREE CHILDREN DYING OF BURNS

BOSTON, Dec. 15.—Josephine Sitchun, aged 10, and her sisters, Helen, aged 5, and Laura, aged three, are dying at the city hospital as the result of burns in their body sustained late last evening in a fire which ruined their home on the second floor of a

three-story wooden dwelling, 62 Middle street, South Boston. William Sitchun, the father of the children, was a hero. He was burned about the face and chest, but managed to save the little ones from burning to death.

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There will be no sleigh-bells on reindeers when Santa Claus comes along this Christmas. Reindeer and the sleigh are things of the past for the 1919 Santa Claus.

Old Santa is right up to date and a little ahead of it judging from these advance photographs of his present-day equipment. He comes this year in a motor truck, but it isn't just an ordinary motor truck such as we see upon the streets every day. Santa carries his home with him and Mrs. Santa Claus is with him since business has grown tremendously since his last visit and she is helping out.

Instead of sleigh-bells on deer, Santa has saddled them onto the motor of his car so after all Santa will still be heralded by the familiar and joyous sound of the bells.

In this motor car home, Santa as pictured, has traveled with Mrs. Santa from Massachusetts clear across Ohio on his long journey to the Pacific coast. On the way he is taking in large cities on the route and telling all the good children where the best toys can be secured. A letter box on the side of the house is for letters to Santa Claus only.

Besides coming this year in a motor truck, Santa is also his own mechanic. He can repair broken motors as well as broken toys and he is some householder judging from this traveling home with conveniences of a modern home.

and Miss Dorothy Stockin reported the good features of club work. Prof. W. P. B. Lockwood of Amherst gave an address on recent work in "Milk Manufacture."

SEC. ALEXANDER AGAINST U. S. FOREIGN CREDITS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—In his first statement of policy since assuming the portfolio of secretary of commerce, Joshua W. Alexander yesterday declared that under his administration the department of commerce would follow an alert and aggressive policy in promoting foreign trade. Tempered by his aggressiveness, the new secretary said, the department, however, would pursue a policy of fair play to America's competitors in the foreign trade field.

The government should not be called upon for extension of credits to foreign countries, Mr. Alexander declared. Credit in his opinion is a matter for the banks and private concerns to furnish.

In regard to the merchant marine, the secretary approved the policy of the shipping board that the government should operate its ships until they can be taken over by American shipping interests.

"If American goods are to reach all corners of the world," he said, "our ships must ply the trade lanes of all the seas. To this end the government must build up the steamship lines until the time when American concerns are in a position to take over the whole fleet."

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DISCUSSING FARM AND HOME PROBLEMS

AMHERST, Dec. 18.—Rufus W. Stimpson of Boston opened the third day's Conference of Extension Workers yesterday at the Agricultural college, with an address on "The Relation of the State Board of Education to Other Organizations."

Prof. George L. Farley presided at the joint meeting of club workers with the demonstration agents represented by Miss Elsie Traub of Hyannis at which closer co-operation was discussed. The agriculturists were especially interested in E. H. Thompson of Springfield on "Federal Bank Problems." The good features of club work were emphasized by S. A. Dale, Alfred S. Carruth of Berkshire county, R. P. Trask and Miss Louise Fay of Middlesex, J. T. Dizer of Norfolk and Miss Dorothy Pierce of Barre.

Miss Ruth S. Reed discussed clothing, showing the best methods of buying material, making garments and utilizing old clothes.

The club workers and the farm bureau managers discussed closer co-operation yesterday afternoon with A. F. MacDougall of Northampton and R. H. Gaskill of Essex as leaders. Miss Mary Dean of Plymouth presided over the home demonstration workers when Miss Lucy Gillett of Boston told of "Recent Progress in Nutrition."

New projects for livestock, poultry, pomology and soils and crops were presented by committees. Later dairying, gardening, farm management and marketing were discussed. P. E. Alger of Franklin county, Miss Beulah Hazard of Worcester, E. A. Howard of Essex, Miss Eunice Homer of Norfolk



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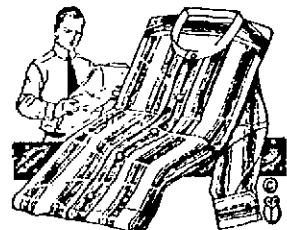
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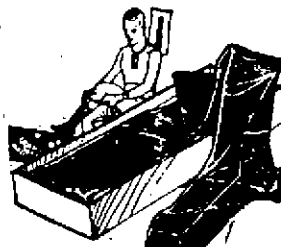


You'll find it to your advantage to choose from the ones we are showing. The size from an old shirt will help—the new ones will be sure to fit.

White Silk Crepe de Chine\$10.00
Plain Color Silk Fibre, blue, pink, corn or lavender.....\$7.50
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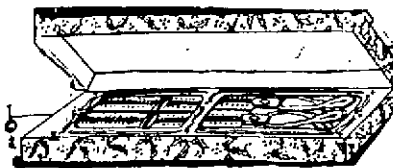
Many men like to wear them every day, others only once in awhile, but they are a mighty handy garment to own.

Coat or V necks, in blues, green, brown, gray and crimson. Wool and worsted.

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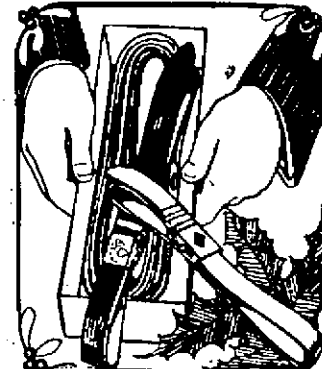
Buy Red Cross Xmas Seals and Help Fight Tuberculosis.

Someone Said—Luxury Consisted in having a pair of suspenders for each pair of pants.



Fine Lisle Webs, at\$1.00 and \$1.25
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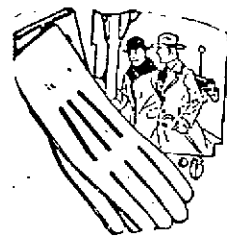
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You may make your selection now, and if they do not suit you we will exchange them after Christmas.

Warm Woolen Gloves, 50c to \$1.65

Lined Dress and Driving Gloves, \$2.00 to \$5.00

Heavy Mitts and Gloves, 50c to \$3.00



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WEEKLY AIR SERVICE ACROSS ATLANTIC

LONDON, Dec. 18.—A weekly airship service to America is contemplated by a combination of aviation firms, which are credited with the intention of acquiring the famous R-34 and her sister ship, the R-35. These are being altered to meet passenger and cargo requirements.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

At a recent meeting of the members of Loyal Excelsior lodge, I.O.O.F., M.U., the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Noble grand, Peter Gill; vice grand, John R. Wiggin; elective secretary, William H. Williams; permanent secretary, Lisle E. Sewell; treasurer, William Oddie; warden, Samuel S. Kershaw; chaplain, Robert W. Hollagworth; chief of staff, John R. Wiggin; delegates to the district convention, Samuel S. Kershaw and Robert W. Hollagworth; lodge surgeon, Dr. Ginsburg.

Court Stanislaus de Champlain
Chief Ranger John Doucette presided over the last meeting of the members of Court Stanislaus de Champlain, F. of A., and a feature of the meeting was the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows: Chief ranger, Pierre A. Gingras; vice chief ranger, Raoul Borden; treasurer, Maxime Corneille; financial secretary, Henry J. Duprez; recording secretary, John Doucette; first conductor, Ludger Bernier; second conductor, Joseph Cloutier; first scout, Jean Lajoie; second scout, Maise Dufresne; physician, Dr. Alexis Bertrand.

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL RESIGNS
R. Webster, principal of the Foster school in Tewksbury has resigned his position and Miss Gladys Arnold has been appointed his successor. Miss Elizabeth Dowler will teach the seventh grade, which was being taught by Miss Arnold and a new teacher will be engaged for the library school. The schools of the town will close tomorrow afternoon until Dec. 23 for the annual Christmas vacation.

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MR. MOLLOY RECEIVES CONGRATULATORY LETTER FROM LYNN SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Charles S. Jackson, superintendent of schools in Lynn, where the junior high school system is in effect, has sent a congratulatory letter to Supt. Hugh J. Molloy of the local school department on the latter's recently submitted report on the junior high school system which was adopted with few changes by the school committee at its meeting last evening. Supt. Jackson points out that hasty action is inadvisable. The letter is as follows:

Lynn, Dec. 16, 1919.
Mr. Hugh J. Molloy,
Superintendent of Schools,
Lowell, Mass.

My dear Mr. Molloy:—I wish to thank you for the copy of the Lowell paper containing your report. I was greatly interested in it and feel that you have covered the ground most logically. The proposition is so important and has such far reaching influence upon a school system that it certainly should receive the careful consideration you have given it. I am glad to see that you do not recommend a hasty action because it entered upon without considerable preparation there is bound to be a reaction that may perhaps prejudice the whole movement through a long series of years. We are experiencing a little of that state of affairs in our own schools as progress in equipment does not keep pace with the demands that these new methods and ideals create.

Congratulations to you again on having presented a thoroughly sane and logical report, I am,
Yours sincerely,
C. S. JACKSON,
Superintendent of Schools.

FOR OLYMPIC GAMES

ROME, Dec. 17.—The Italian Olympic games executive committee is rapidly rounding out its program for competition in the Olympic games to be held at Antwerp, Belgium, next summer. It has been decided to engage one or more American trainers for the track and field team, and several suggested changes in the events have been telegraphed to the Belgian Olympic committee in charge of the international meet. It is proposed that the games program include a 20-kilometer walk and that the cross country run be shortened from 10 to 8 miles, or its equivalent in metric measurement.

ENGINEER CASHMAN DEAD
HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 15.—Eugene L. Cashman, chairman of the board of directors of the Cashman Chuck Co., and former president of the concern, died at his home in West Hartford last night. He was born in Belchertown, Mass., 65 years ago.

VERY AMBITIOUS PLAN

Vast Area in Africa Prospective Paradise if Water Can Be Found

BY EDWARD M. THIERRY,
N.E.A. Staff Correspondent with Smithsonian-Universal African Expedition.

UPINGTON, South Africa, Dec. 15.—Irrigation on a vast scale, dwarfing other wood projects of the kind, is proposed as the salvation of waterless Africa.

Settlers are being lured here by land company publicity in England. And, while there is plenty of room for millions more, schemes are being worked out for reclaiming all the unproductive land possible.

Creating a vast sea in the heart of the great Kalahari desert is the project favored by Professor E. H. L. Schwarz of Rhodes University College. The sandy Kalahari is to South Africa what the Sahara is to the north. It covers 300,000 square miles.

It is proposed by the magic of irrigation to create within this huge desert area a lake more than twice the size of Lake Erie.

This is to be in the vicinity of the Makari-Kari saltpan and Lake Ngami, southwest and west, respectively, of Bulawayo, chief town of Rhodesia. This means the gigantic job of damming the Chobe river and turning its waters into its old channel, once running 500 miles to the south and now utterly obliterated.

In ancient days Lake Ngami was a sea of 50,000 square miles. Even as late as the middle of the last century Livingstone described it as an "inland sea."

Disappearing rivers and lost lakes are as characteristic of Africa as vanishing native tribes. They are cited as evidence that Africa is swiftly drying up. Professor Schwarz goes so far as to say that unless water preservation is carried on energetically half of South Africa will be a waterless desert like the Kalahari in 100 years.

During the rains the whole country is temporarily covered with water. This often stretches beyond the horizon, leading to vague tales by Bushmen, the only human beings who ever

managed to exist in the heart of the Kalahari, of a "desert ocean."

The ambitious plan to turn a Gery desert into a plain covered with pasture, living forest and cultivated farms has been cited as a means of refuge for 60,000 families dependent on the Johannesburg gold mining industry in case many present-day pessimists hereabouts turn out to be correct in the prophecy that the mines will soon be exhausted.

POLICEMEN BELONG TO "GANG" OF ROBBERS

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Evidence sufficient to convict at least six policemen who have aided burglars in five recent robberies in Brooklyn and Manhattan of property valued at more than \$200,000 is in the possession of District Attorney Harry E. Lewis of Brooklyn, he announced yesterday.

Two policemen already are under arrest and the district attorney declared that four other bluecoats belonged to a "gang" of burglars, who not only perpetrated several daring robberies, but invaded the wholesale clothing district and carted away truckloads of wearing apparel.

"I have submitted the matter to the grand jury," he said, "and I expect action tomorrow."

District Attorney Lewis asserted yesterday in a statement that Patrolman Herman Crause instigated a \$12,000 robbery of a manufacturing furrier's plant November 30. Crause and Peter Rueger, another policeman, were arrested in connection with this theft.

The arrest of Crause and Rueger is the third instance recently in which Brooklyn policemen have been taken into custody in connection with thefts. Following the arrest a few days ago of a patrolman charged with holding up a sailor on the street and robbing him of \$18, Patrolman Louis J. Hohorst was captured by a brother officer early yesterday after it is alleged he had "limped" his way into a showcase and stolen women's apparel.

CHELMSFORD POST OF AMERICAN

LEGION TO ELECT DELEGATE TO CONVENTION

A meeting of Chelmsford Post of the American Legion will be held this evening in the North Chelmsford town hall and a feature of the meeting will be the election of a delegate to attend the special state convention, which will be held in Boston, Jan. 3.

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A Choctaw Indian of Calvin, Oklahoma, who was in that company of United States soldiers which fired the first shots at the Germans, and who was near the fighting lines when the last gun was heard, has been chosen by Dewaroux, the French artist, as the model for his painting of the true American fighter. The picture is to hang in the French federal building at Paris with those of other allied soldiers.

Otis W. Leader, trained with the famous Blue Devils when he first went to France, and was almost continually under fire while he served overseas. At Chateau Thierry, Metz, St. Mihiel, Verdun and Argonne he made a splendid record of bravery, and was cited for his action at Chateau Thierry when for three days he fought with the infantry after the entire gun crew with which he was fighting had been killed, and the gun destroyed. At this time he captured two machine guns and 18 prisoners.

Today Leader's body is covered with mustard gas burns for which he still has to have medical treatment. He isn't sitting down for the rest of his life telling war stories to his children and friends. Not much! The man who was chosen as the type of true American fighter is still in action. At Oklahoma city he is taking training under the direction of the federal board for vocational education in mechanical and electrical engineering. After completing the course there he is to continue in advanced work along the same lines in Kansas City, Missouri.

UNCLE SAM, M.D.

Development of Backward Children

The duties of a physician no longer consist simply of the dispensing of pills and powders from a pair of saddle bags as in the days of our fathers. He is now frequently called upon to give an opinion as to whether a certain article of food is suitably adapted to the needs of the human system, to furnish fuel and energy to sustain life.

A further responsibility has been placed upon physicians, namely the public health aspects of mental deficiency among school children. While school children and others may be suspected of being mentally defective, it falls to the lot of the physician to make the final decision which will determine whether these persons are feeble-minded, or have merely been mentally retarded owing to unfavorable circumstances.

The disposition of these cases, that is whether they shall be placed in special classes or separate institutions will largely depend on the judgment of the medical examiner.

Increasing attention is being paid to the question of mental capacity among children in relation to school work. When a child is found to be backward in school there will usually be found some cause for his lack of progress and in determining the cause it is necessary to inquire thoroughly into his physical and mental condition. By this means it may be possible to institute corrective and preventive measures which will decrease the ill-effects, enable the backward child to reason and to care for himself. Reasoning power in the normal person enables him to meet new situations and solve new problems. And it is this ability to reason and to meet the various problems of life as they arise which distinguishes the normal from the defective mind. The physician of the present day must be able to estimate the varying degrees of defect in order to advise hygienic measures that will contribute to their reduction.

Answered

Q. Is cabbage an easily digested food?

A. Not for all persons. The fermented kind (shall I call it "liberty cabbage" or sauerkraut?) appears to be more readily digested, but it is a matter of individuality.

Q. How can a rapid pulse be reduced to normal?

A. If there is no underlying disease, rest, especially when lying down, will suffice. But with disease, thyroid disease, it may be impossible to reduce the pulse to the average normal frequency.

Q. Is scarlet fever contagious after one month's illness? Can a child have the disease more than once?

A. The exact duration of the catching period of scarlet fever is not known. As a rule health officers consider it safe to lift the quarantine after a month's illness, provided there are no discharges from the nose, throat or ear. As a rule, one attack of scarlet fever protects throughout life. Second attacks are extremely uncommon.

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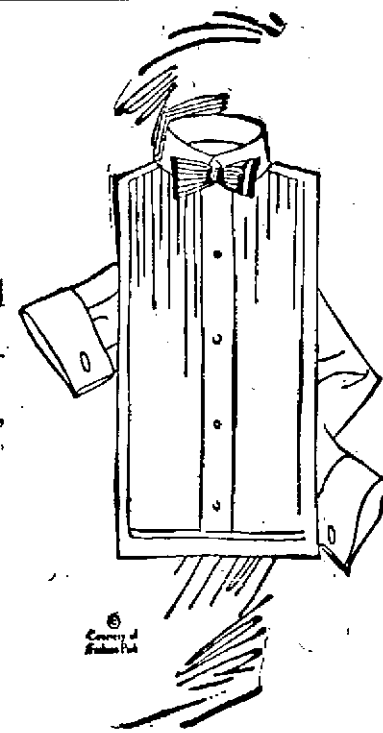
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FOUR BILLIONS AND NO MORE!

—BY GEORGE H. WATERS

WASHINGTON, D. C.—"Under no circumstances should congress appropriate more than four billions of dollars to run the government from June 30, 1920, to June 30, 1921," declared Congressman James W. Good, Iowa, chairman of the house appropriations committee.

"First, we should quit enacting legislation for new appropriations. And second, we should use the pruning knife to reduce the estimates by the various departments for governmental expenses next year."

These estimates, just filed by the various government departments, call for \$4,865,410,031.62, and this does not include \$334,060,000 more for various purposes that it seems necessary for the government to spend that year, to say nothing of what it will have to pay the railroads when they are turned back to the owners.

Leaving out the railroads, congress faces an appropriation of \$5,219,470,031.62.

"This must be cut down by \$1,249,470,031," said Congressman Good. "It must be done in a business-like way. The hearings on the appropriations will require four or five months. We must first cut expenses where the cuts will do no harm, and then if that doesn't lower the estimates to within four billions, we must cut where it will do the least harm. There are things the government can get along without for the present, and they must be postponed to a future day. That is the way good

business men and business corporations do, and it will be good business for the federal government."

If this is done, the inevitable deficit in current operating expenses of the government for June 30, 1920, of \$3,266,335,518.62 will be cut down by June 30, 1921, to \$2,016,855,477.

GUARDSMEN END

DUTY SUNDAY

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—William H. Anderson, state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league, replied last night to Lt. Belvin W. Maynard's charge that his original statement in regard to the use of alcoholic liquors by army aviators was "juggled" by the league. Mr. Anderson's statements are:

"The Anti-Saloon league refuses to be made the goat by Lieut. Maynard. The only reply that we care to make to his accusation that the league 'juggled' his statement is the fact that we still have in our possession, subject to inspection by any person who has any valid interest in the matter, the original typewritten statement covered and identified by letters signed by Lieut. Maynard and sent by him to us in response to our request for a statement for publicity purposes."

"Lieut. Maynard complains that the league 'robbed' it of its introductory paragraph.' The only words left out were:

"In response to your request, I am very glad to give you a synopsis of my observations in regard to the

use of alcohol beverages in the air service."

"Save for this single exception the league gave out Lieut. Maynard's statement in full exactly as received from him."

TO ABOLISH U. S.

HOUSING BUREAU

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Without a dissenting vote the house passed and sent to the senate yesterday a bill ordering the sale of housing facilities, erected by the government during the

war to relieve congestion in many industrial centers. The measure abolishes the United States housing bureau, transferring the properties to the treasury for sale to private persons, either for cash or part payments.

Debate on the measure centered largely in an attack on the housing bureau. Charges of profligate expenditure of government funds were made by several members, and the assertion was made that the senate public buildings committee was conducting an investigation with a view of determining whether it should recommend prosecution by the department of justice.

Chairman Langley of the buildings committee, in reporting the bill, declared it was the opinion of the committee that "no private concern in the world could have lasted any length of time with so topheavy an organization as was created for the management of this government outfit, with attendant colossal overhead charges."

Belting used on machinery in the Russian petroleum fields is made of camel's hair, which is said to resist greases better than rubber, cotton or leather.

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The sufferer from biliousness is only too familiar with all its disturbing symptoms:—loss of appetite, headache, dizziness, nausea and vomiting, oftentimes meaning prostration for two or three days and the consequent loss of time from regular duties. Such attacks vary in frequency and duration with different individuals, but there is really no occasion for them to occur at all. That old reliable household medicine "L. F." Atwood's Medicine, taken in teaspoonful doses morning and night, rarely fails to wholly prevent an attack of sick headache or biliousness. If this preventive measure has not been adopted, a desertsopoonful when the first symptoms appear, will almost invariably ward off a severe attack. It may be obtained of any dealer, in large bottles for fiftycents, or samples free for the asking. "L. F." Medicine Co., Portland, Maine.

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PALMER TO TESTIFY

To Appear Before Senate
Committee Investigating
Coal Situation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The senate committee investigating the coal situation will hear either tomorrow or Saturday, Attorney General Palmer's explanation of the basis of the agreement which ended the strike of bituminous miners and resulted in the resignation of Fuel Administrator Garfield.

Mr. Palmer was in Chicago when the committee decided to hear him and he immediately cancelled his speaking engagements in Little Rock and Oklahoma City, where he was to speak on the high cost of living.

ANOTHER DROP IN
FOREIGN EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Foreign exchange rates suffered another decline at the opening of the local market today. Demand bills on the English pound sterling were quoted at \$3.794, 3/4 cents below yesterday's close. Franc checks dropped 11 centimes to 11.02 for the American dollar, and lire checks were off 15 centimes at 13.02 for the dollar.

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A few of the features that have made the Store Order Check System of shopping so popular with the people are: Its economy—the large number of big stores with the tremendous stocks of high grade goods that you may choose from—the confidential manner in which all our transactions are handled and the fact that the leading cash stores in Lowell are accepting our checks as cash and secure our customers all the benefits, courtesies and the same low prices that the cash customers get.

Thousands and thousands of people are now buying under this money-saving system that has revolutionized the credit system of buying in Lowell and are not limited to the ordinary stock of the old style credit houses with their small stock of goods and their high prices, but have millions of dollars' worth of goods in the big cash stores that are now offered to choose your purchases and gifts from and you pay us at the rate of one dollar a week and up.

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Vacuum Cleaners	Toilet Sets	Cameras
Ladies' Shoes	Silverware	Books
Perfumes	Glassware	Hardware
Knives	Art Embroideries	Optical Goods
Neckties	Laces	Bath Robes
Ladies' Dresses	Bracelets	Neckwear
Ladies' Waists	Fine Stationery	Hats and Shoes
Ladies' Hosiery	Furniture	Diamonds
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10,000 AMERICANS IN
KITCHENER'S ARMY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Demobilization of the 10,000 Americans who enlisted early in the war with the British army. Red Cross records show, has been completed with the exception of a few still undergoing treatment in hospitals. This number is exclusive of the thousands of others who fought in the colonial armies of Canada and Australia.

Although every effort was made by the British authorities to release Americans from the service at the close of hostilities the demobilization was retarded considerably by the difficulty of many in proving their American citizenship. Hundreds in their enthusiasm to enlist with Kitchener's army, it developed, had assumed English birthplaces to facilitate their enlistment.

INFERNAL MACHINE IN
CAR FROM GERMANY

LILLIE, France, Dec. 17.—An infernal machine containing several pounds of high explosive, was found in a freight car which had been returned here from Germany while the car was being unloaded today. The time fuses were removed from the machine which exploded an hour afterwards.

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ADVENTURES
OF THE TWINS

by Olive Roberts Barton.

The twins finally decided to ask their loyal help in their search for Jack. The magical mushroom said it was a very good idea and suggested a meeting.

So one fine morning Nick and Nancy took them all out, even the electric train and the culla board, and when everyone had arrived Nancy explained what it was all about.

"Now, think hard," said Nancy. "Very, very hard! Did anybody hear Jack say where he was going? Did he ever tell anyone he wanted to run away?"

"Well," said Jack-in-the-Box thoughtfully, with his head on one side, "he told me one time he didn't see the use of his long tail when there weren't any trees in the play-room."

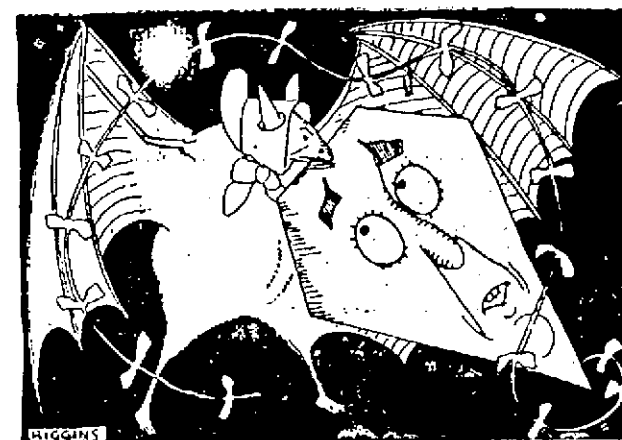
"And he told me," said the drum in

Nick did not let go of the string when the kite got caught in the church steeple, and the chimneys began to ring. He just held on tight and Farmer Jones and the sexton began to run, Nancy and Nick ran, too.

When the twins reached the church the bells were still chiming in an odd jerky way. Instead of going ding, dong, ding-dong, ding, dong, as they usually did in quite a musical noise.

"The kite's gone inside," said Nick. "I can see where the string goes."

Suddenly the twins thought of their magical shoes. They had almost forgotten about them. And soon they were scrambling up the steeple until they came to the place where the bells were. And what do you think they saw? Old Mrs. Bat had hold of



Old Mrs. Bat had hold of the kite and was pulling him around all over the place.

A hollow voice, "that every time he saw a church steeple he wanted to climb it."

"Well," spoke up the kite, "it appears to me he must be somewhere up high. How would you like me to go up and look?"

"Goody!" cried Nancy. "That's a fine idea. Mr. Kite! Nick can take you out right now."

So Nick took the kite and began to let out the string. West wind seemed anxious to join in the search, for he took the kite and carried it up and up, and over and over, until it got to the top of the church steeple where the chimneys were.

"He's looking," cried Nancy. "Oh, I wonder if he's found Jack?"

But suddenly, what do you think? The chimneys began to ring. Ding, dong, ding! And my, but everybody was surprised. "It wasn't time for church, or for Sunday school, or for prayer-meeting. What could be the matter?"

But Nick knew, at least part of it. "I can't pull the string in," he cried. "The kite's caught in the steeple!"

that any departure from this policy whereby numerous private individuals would undertake to make such arrangements separately would undoubtedly result in delaying materially, if not in seriously prejudicing the orderly and successful completion of the project as a whole.

"For this reason, and in order that in the return of the bodies of the American dead, at the request of their relatives, no unfair discrimination may result against those relatives who are of limited financial means, individual requests of the character mentioned above will uniformly be refused, except where relatives desire to permanently inter the bodies of their dead in cemeteries of their own choice within the boundaries of Europe."

RED CROSS SALES
ARE SMALL HERE

Of Lowell's quota of \$9000 for the sale of Red Cross Christmas seals in the campaign against tuberculosis, there now is in sight not more than \$2600 and persons in charge of the drive do not believe that the final figures will be much in excess of this amount. In actual cash on hand at the present time, there is only \$856.41, but only half of the public schools and none of the parochial schools

have been heard from and the sales in the mills also have not been reported. The six booths in downtown stores have secured only \$52.25 so far, and the public school reports already received total \$450.

From these figures it may be seen that the school children have done most of the selling and undoubtedly will be credited with a large percentage of the ultimate amount.

Although the city is far behind its quota, campaign workers say other years have produced no better results and the best hoped for now is the above figure of \$2000. The opportunity offered Lowell people to aid in this tremendously important campaign is evident. It is not a Red Cross venture, but entirely handled by the National Anti-Tuberculosis league. The Red Cross yearly sup-

plies the seals, but receives no return from the sale.

MOTHER AND HER
BABY FOUND DEAD

BROCKTON, Dec. 18.—Mrs. Edna Winslip, aged 27, wife of Roy Winslip of 35 Clifton ave, Brockton, and her five-months-old daughter, Marlon Alice, were found dead yesterday afternoon in the kitchen of her home by Mrs. Winslip's mother, Mrs. William Hubbley.

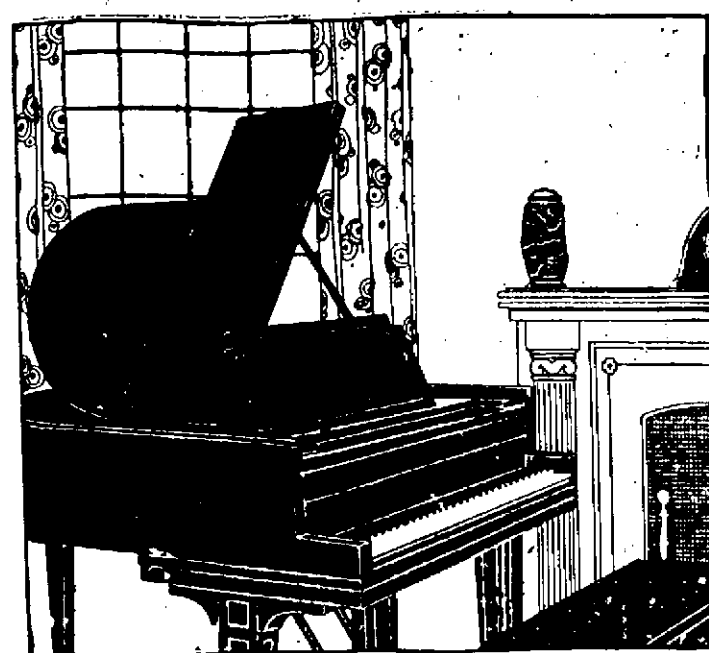
Mrs. Hubbley, who lives upstairs, went down about 3 to see her daughter, but knocked and received no response. She looked through the kitchen window and saw the pair lying on the kitchen floor. She then went to the home of Nathan C. Barrows, 131 Clifton ave,

who forced an entrance. The woman had been dead several hours. All the gas cocks on the stove and the one gas jet in the room were open. Medical Examiner A. Elliot Paine pronounced the deaths as suicide and infanticide.

Mrs. Winslip had been married about two years. She had been despondent since the birth of her baby, but seemed well when her husband, chauffeur, left home yesterday noon. She was a telephone operator before her marriage.

What is said to be the first shipment of Chinese coal to the American continent was made in June, when 1600 tons were shipped from Chiuwangtang to Alaska.

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WITNESSED CRUEL ACTS

Y.D. Veteran Says Capt. Ditzer's Sergeants Beat Up 12 Men

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Healing of prisoners began from the time the 205th Military Police Company was organized for criminal investigation work in Le Mans, according to Victor Shepherd of New Haven, a witness yesterday at the court-martial on Governors Island of Captain Karl W. Ditzer, Captain Ditzer, who commanded the company, is charged with cruelty to men in his custody.

Shepherd, who was wounded at Chateau Thierry, while fighting with the 102d Infantry of the Yankee Division, joined the military police after the signing of the armistice and served as Captain Ditzer's interpreter.

Shepherd testified he had witnessed at least 12 prisoners assaulted by Sergeants U. S. Madden and Frank L. Hoyt in the presence of Captain Ditzer, who did not protest.

A new angle was brought out when Shepherd testified that Private Fred M. Yates, now a military prisoner, who previously testified against Captain Ditzer, had been challenged by the captain in his Le Mans headquarters to a fight "man to man." This challenge, Shepherd testified, followed the re-arrest of Yates after he had escaped from Ditzer's custody. Yates, he said, accepted the challenge, although only half the size of Ditzer.

Shepherd during his testimony brought a laugh when he turned toward the accused on several occasions and asked:

"Isn't that true, captain?"

With permission of Major William P. Kelly, judge advocate, the defense put on the stand one of its witnesses, Robert B. Flora, a member of the Cincinnati police force, who formerly served as assistant provost-marshal in Le Mans, with the rank of captain.

Refuting specific charges that Ditzer had forced false confessions from prisoners, Flora testified that in the case of Private Marcello Gonzales, who previously swore the accused had forced him to sign a statement at the point of a pistol, he himself had obtained voluntarily from the prisoner a confession similar to that he had made to Ditzer.

Flora testified that prisoners at Le Mans had no respect for their superior officers; frequently cursed them and that in many cases it was necessary for the military police to throw prisoners on the floor to subdue them and prevent them kicking and beating the officers.

He said a soldier named Read had complained to Captain Ditzer that a member of the 305th Military Police Company had split his head open with a club and that Captain Ditzer had the police officer locked up.

Flora caused a stir in the courtroom

when he cited as an instance of the hardships that confronted military police, the killing of Frank Lindsay, the only colored officer of the department of criminal investigation in France. He testified Lindsay's body was found with several bullets in it. When last seen alive the officer was examining white soldiers for their passes on a train leaving Brest. Several soldiers who escaped from a jail in Brest were later caught and held for Lindsay's death, he said.

CONGRESS IS AGAINST LARGE ARMY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—(Relection by house and senate military committees of war department proposals for a regular army of 576,000 officers and men appeared practically certain last night, when Chairman Wadsworth predicted that the senate committee would fix the strength of the force at about 250,000. The house committee has already agreed tentatively on approximately a similar program.

"There is no question," said Senator Wadsworth, "but that the senate committee in its present frame of mind will not fix the number at more than 250,000 and may possibly cut the number more than that."

Senate sub-committee hearings on the bill were concluded late yesterday, while the house committee took up questions as to the future of the national guard. The senate committee hoped to have proposals in shape for the full committee after the holidays.

The military policy committee of the American Legion, composed of Allan A. Tulley, Nebraska, chairman; Colonel Milton J. Foreman, Chicago, and Thos. W. Miller of Delaware, explained to the sub-committee yesterday recommendations of the organization as formulated at its recent convention in Minneapolis. Other witnesses were Col. Abel Davis, Chicago, Illinois national guard, and Maj. Gen. John F. O'Ryan of the New York national guard, while the house committee heard Col. E. H. Gillette, Troy, N. Y., of the national guard association.

Under the legion's recommendations only a sufficient standing army for police and overseas garrison purposes should be provided. Universal military training for boys from 15 to 20 years of age and a general staff "liberalized by an admixture of citizen officers" was recommended. Continuance of the present officers' training camps and a separate department of aeronautics also were favored.

Col. Davis suggested a "limited try-out" system to fix the number of men to receive military training which he thought, with proper national guard provisions, would meet objections of opponents of compulsory training and also give the states forces they need.

Gen. O'Ryan renewed his recommendations for a citizen army to replace

both national guard and reserve corps to supplement the regular forces and be available locally at the call of state governors upon application to the federal government for military assistance.

FOUL POLITICAL CRIME

Dublin Paper Suppressed For Accusing Government of Employing Criminals

DUBLIN, Dec. 18.—Owners of the Freeman's Journal, seized and suppressed by the military police on Monday, applied to the chancery court yesterday for an interlocutory injunction to restrain the authorities from continuing to suppress the newspaper. The application will be heard on Friday. In the meantime, the Evening Telegraph, which is associated with the Freeman's Journal, is appearing as a morning paper.

Real Reason for Suppression

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The real reason why the Dublin Freeman's Journal was suppressed is given in a Dublin despatch to the Herald, the organ of organized labor. The despatch says that the raid upon the plant was not made because of the newspaper's alleged interference with the recruiting of special constables as was stated in parliament, but was a result of the newspaper's attacks upon the Irish administration.

It is asserted that the Journal alleged certain known criminals were allowed immunity from prosecution because the government was employing them. The correspondent says it is firmly believed that Detectives Downing and Barton, who were slain in Dublin recently, were shot, not by Sinn Féiners, but by criminals of the "vile" type, whose identity is known to the government, but who are left untouched because the Castles wish the murders to be attributed to the Sinn Féin. "This charge," he says, is "not made without evidence," adding: "Men of sober judgment accuse the Castle Camarilla with preparing a foul political crime similar to that committed in 1793."

Motion in Commons

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The national party in the house of commons has given notice of a motion on the Irish question, reading as follows:

"The house, in view of the fact that the Sinn Féin organization has made it abundantly clear that it will not accept any form of home rule retaining the sovereign powers of the government at Westminster, declines to proceed with legislation which cannot be acceptable to any considerable section of opinion in Ireland, and calls upon the government to enforce law and order in that country."

LOWELL'S REVENUE AND PROHIBITION

When constitutional prohibition becomes effective next month, Lowell will face a yearly loss in revenue of approximately \$110,000, said a representative of the city license commission today. This approximation is not far out of the way if the revenue figures of 1918 may be taken as a criterion, when they were \$146,139, \$109,501.25 of which was net revenue to the city, after the state tax of \$36,534.75 had been deducted.

The liquor revenue situation this year was novel in Lowell, inasmuch as two distinct kinds of licenses were granted. On May 1, licenses taken out under the special liquor act, operative until July 1, brought net revenue to the city amounting to \$18,355.50, while the licenses granted under the old liquor law on July 1, effective to May 1, 1920, brought additional revenue to the amount of \$16,162.50. This made a total revenue of \$34,518. The 1919 loss over 1918, therefore, was \$45,086.25.

There is no way of estimating what effect this loss of revenue will have on the 1920 tax rate, but the main fact is that no liquor license money will come in and either a reduction in expenses or the finding of additional taxable property or the securing of other revenue will have to occur if this item is not to have a tendency to increase the present rate of \$26.

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THOUSANDS STARVING

Hoover Urges Shipping Flour to Central Europe—Quick Action Necessary

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Starvation faces 15,000,000 to 20,000,000 persons in Central Europe outside Germany unless "some quick means can be discovered for their assistance," Herbert Hoover, former food administrator, said yesterday in a formal statement. Unless relief is quickly furnished he predicted a break down of stable government in the countries affected and "creation of another cesspool like Russia."

Mr. Hoover proposed that the "great surplus of wheat and flour" held by the Grain corporation be sold on credit to England, Poland, Austria and other nations of Central Europe. The Grain corporation, he said, could extend the credits out of the capital it already possesses without a call for special appropriations by congress.

"The question of export of breadstuffs in this particular case," said Mr. Hoover, "does not influence the price or supply to the American people. It is purely a question as to whether, out of the material which we will export in any event, we should give credits in order to prevent starvation on a wholesale scale, or, on the other hand, to deal only with those who can pay cash on the nail."

PARIS, Dec. 18.—The supreme council decided yesterday that it would be necessary to furnish Austria food to the amount of \$70,000,000.

the relief to go forward at the rate of \$2,500,000 monthly.

The council, yesterday, presided over by Jules Cambon, and with Ambassador Wallace representing the United States, heard a report from Louis Leuchter, the French minister of reconstruction, with regard to Austria's needs.

It has become known that the representatives of the allied and associated powers have insisted further upon the necessity of American cooperation in the relief of Austria. Ambassador Wallace was unable to enter into any undertaking for the United States without instructions from his government, but he has cabled to Washington, setting forth urgently the need of taking measures in Austria's aid.

PLAN TO HOLD EXTENSION SCHOOL

Billerica, Bedford, Carlisle and Burlington are combining to hold an extension school at Billerica January 1 and 2 under the auspices of the Middlesex county farm bureau. A committee composed of representatives from each town is in charge of the arrangements and they hope that many people will register and make an effort to attend all the sessions of the school. The Christian Alliance of Billerica will serve dinner each day at a moderate cost.

The program and the hours set for each subject are as follows:

Men's Section
Thursday, Jan. 1: 10 to 1—Fertilizers and manures. C. B. Tillson; 11 to 12—Starting the young orchard. A. H. Jenks; 12 to 1—Dinner. 1 to 1.50—Feeding the dairy cow. C. B. Tillson; 1.50 to 2.40—The cultivation of small fruits. A. R. Jenks; 2.40 to 3.30—Feed-

ing for egg production. C. B. Tillson; Friday, Jan. 2: 10 to 11—Lime and legumes. C. B. Tillson; 11 to 12—Orchard management. A. R. Jenks; 12 to 1—Dinner. 1 to 1.50—Corn. C. B. Tillson; 1.50 to 2.40—Pruning. A. R. Jenks; 2.40 to 3.30—Joint conference.

Women's Section.

In charge of Miss Margaret Robinson, home demonstration agent.

Thursday, Jan. 1: 10 to 11—Planning and spending. 11 to 12—Our children. 12 to 1—Dinner. 1 to 3.30—Cloth-

ing demonstration, "Easier Way of Doing Familiar Things."

Friday, Jan. 2: 10 to 11—Correct method of work and rest. Dr. Charles E. Simpson, Massachusetts state board of health; 11 to 12—Preventable diseases. Dr. Simpson; 12 to 1—Dinner. 1 to 2.40—Demonstration, "Milk Meals." 2.40 to 3.30—Joint conference.

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REACHING THE POOR

Christmas is peculiarly a child's holiday. It is a time when the older folks find their chief enjoyment in making the children happy. There are children in Lowell today yearning for the dawn of Christmas morn and for the arrival of good old Santa Claus with his sleds, his skates, his dolls and all the innumerable things he has deigned to bring joy to the childish heart. There is no other holiday of the calendar that brings such a high degree of joy to the children who get a liberal remembrance from Santa; but for those who receive nothing, the case is different. Instead of joy there is disappointment and sorrow.

But the situation in many cases may be even worse. It is asserted by members of the board of health, by school teachers and others, that there are hundreds of children in our city who are suffering from lack of nourishing food. Their wan faces and emaciated forms tell the tale. How will these children be reached? They are not longing for toys so much as for some good things to eat. Yet in most cases, their parents think they receive an ample supply of food.

We have citizens here in Lowell who would give freely of their money to relieve such children if they could only find them and be convinced of the real necessity.

The pastors of churches, it seems, should exert themselves to reach the poor families of their flocks and endeavor to have them provided with a plentiful supply of good things for Christmas. Another way to aid in helping the needy, is to contribute to the fund being raised by the Salvation army for Christmas baskets which will be sent only to families in which they are really needed. There are other charitable agencies at work throughout the city so that it is reasonably certain that Christmas cheer will be carried even to the humblest homes in the city and that the holiday will be for the poor as well as the rich, one of merriment and joy in the general observance of the Christmas tide.

TO CUT COST OF LIVING

Attorney-General Palmer has mapped out a very elaborate program for reducing the high cost of living. In advance, he admits certain difficulties that are almost insuperable. These are the extravagance of the people, inflation of the currency and the industrial unrest which is causing decreased production. In order to assist him in the work, he urges increased production in every line of industry and promises to adopt active measures to stop hoarding and profiteering.

If the people will co-operate with the attorney-general on these policies, he may be able to secure gratifying results. It is a certainty, however, that high prices will remain for years unless production be increased so that the plentiful supply will force the prices downward. The attorney general has suggested the advisability of marking the cost of articles on leaving the wholesaler in order to indicate whether the retailer is charging an exorbitant price. This will probably be impracticable for the reason that it would entail a great deal of trouble and would be subject to change with fluctuating markets. The retailers make the claim that the cost of transportation and distribution is so high that it covers most of the margin between the wholesale price and that of the retailer. It will not be safe for the people to expect too much from Mr. Palmer's campaign; but if they do their part in following his advice he will assuredly accomplish reductions that, in the aggregate, will afford very material relief. He will at least put a stop to hoarding and profiteering, two phases of the situation that must be dealt with quite vigorously.

KEEPING WARM

Captain Eddie Rickenbacher, one of our very best aerial fighters in the late war, believes future conflicts will be won and lost by aerial forces. Their ammunition will be shining rays of the sun, and their weapon, Captain Eddie predicts, will be an electric lens device through which the sun's rays may be focused upon fortifications, city,

battleship or camp, hurling a fiery destruction upon the object.

But if we can make use of the sun's heat in war, why not set about to accomplish the same thing in peace? Instead of burning cities, why not heat the homes in them? Invent that "electric lens device," by all means, but bear in mind the greater importance of a world warm and comfortable.

The captain's idea is new only in using the airplane as a vehicle upon which the lens will be mounted. Long ago, man discovered the possibility of focusing sun rays, stationing the focusing device near the earth's surface. Rickenbacher would place it nearer the sun by aid of aerial craft. It is doubtful if this would prove of other advantage than mobility, and this is a war advantage. However, perfection of Rickenbacher's idea will aid others in their efforts to substitute solar heat for the coal furnace.

And that will be something worth crowing over! For you must admit it will be more pleasant pressing a button to turn on the sun's heat on a cold morning, than going down and shaking the ashes and like as not find the fire out and no kindling chopped.—N.E.A.

THRIFT CLUBS

One of the Boston banks is to distribute \$1,500,000 to the members of its Thrift club. A Lowell bank is to hand out \$150,000 in its annual distribution of thrift savings. If the banks teach the people the art of saving in addition to the ordinary functions of banking, then they will have rendered a valuable service to the community. It is easy to see that those who undertake a financial obligation calling for payments at stated periods, are reminded that they must save their loose change for that purpose. They soon get the habit and they learn, too, what it means to plant a few dollars where they will grow so that with accrued interest, the amount will soon be far in excess of the sum deposited. Banks are extending the sphere of their usefulness. Formerly they catered mainly to the large depositors, which are necessary to the bank's success; but they are now reaching out to serve the community and this encouragement of thrift is not the least important of their varied functions. By this means, the people are enabled to save systematically without either hardship or expense. The bank here renders a service which is mainly an accommodation, inasmuch as the expense of handling small accounts is more than the business is worth; but the bank wins friends in this way. Any agency that encourages saving and thrift is helpful to the people.

ACCIDENTS

Many auto drivers seem to think that pedestrians have no rights between the two sidewalks of a street. These drivers should understand that pedestrians have just as much right on the streets in crossing from one sidewalk to another, as have the automobiles in passing along the street. Some of the drivers also think that if they sound their horn when approaching pedestrians ahead of them, the latter should jump out of the way. This is not required by law. The auto driver is obliged under penalty, to slow up when he sees pedestrians ahead, in order to be able to avoid striking them in case they do not get out of his way. They are not obliged to jump when they see an auto approaching nor at the sound of an auto horn from either direction, but unless they do so under present conditions, they are liable to be killed. We've had too many serious accidents on the streets of late, due to reckless driving and the assumption that a street is reserved for automobiles alone. Pedestrians are to blame if they run out suddenly in front of an automobile so that an accident cannot be avoided; but if they exercise reasonable care, the responsibility rests on the automobile driver if they are knocked down or run over.

THE FIREMEN

The action of Commissioner Morse in asking the local firemen to withdraw from the American Federation of Labor, is timely and to the point. It was supposed their affiliation precluded the right to be fenced upon fortifications, city,

larly associated with the A.F. of L., was called out on strike recently in New Jersey. Before the city voted for the double-platoon system, the firemen asserted that their constitution forbids strikes; but recent developments seem to place the matter in doubt. For that reason, it would be good policy for the firemen to surrender their charter and comply with the customs of fire departments in this respect. The citizens will rest easier and will be better disposed to give favorable consideration to other demands of the firemen, provided the latter show the right spirit in getting out of the labor union.

BOY SCOUT EVENT

On February 8, the Boy Scouts of America will observe their tenth anniversary. The natal day of this organization, now numbering nearly 2,000,000 members, or about 5 per cent of the boys of the United States, should be duly recognized. The Boy Scout organization is doing good by teaching the members what is right and training them to do good.

Every boy scout, wherever he may be on February 8, 1920, will stand at salute and repeat the scout oath, which is as follows:

"On my honor I will do my best: To do my duty to God and my country, and to obey the scout law;

To help other people at all times;

To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and normally straight."

The pretty town of Tilton, N. H., now takes its place with other similar communities which have experienced disastrous conflagrations and which might have been averted or at least curtailed but for inadequate water pressure. In this instance, dispatches say that "little water could be sucked through the hose as the pressure from the local reservoir was very low." Many such confessions have been made in the past, and yet hundreds of towns neglect to effect a change in their water systems to obviate an occurrence of like destructiveness. They are not willing to make the expenditure, but rather prefer to fly in the face of providence.

During the cold weather, the people who do not dress uniformly nor follow the old rule of keeping the feet warm and the head cool, but not too cool, are likely to catch cold which it may be difficult to get rid of. Some people show slight regard for their health by encountering sudden changes of temperature without changes of clothing necessary to meet the conditions. Those who follow indoor pursuits and have little exercise are most likely to take cold and are usually the most careless in guarding against such dangers.

Welcome indeed is the railroad administration bulletin which announces the resumption of normal train schedules throughout New England. The handy 12.10 was our greatest concern and its reappearance on Saturday will be greeted by scores of shoppers and others bound Bostonward.

Governor Coolidge estimates that the cost of the State Guard for police duty in Boston will be about \$3,000,000, an item of expense that came unexpectedly. The police strike, after all, proved quite costly. Nobody supposed that law and order came so high and yet few will regret the expenditure.

Hyman Benowitz of New York, neglected to mention \$142,914 in his 1918 income tax return, which oversight cost him \$113,778 when his fines were added up in a federal district court. Such oversights are indeed annoying. We take no such risks.

The Tyrol Diet has threatened a union with Germany unless the province gives assurance that the province will be provisioned and supplied with raw materials. The province powers may reply that if the Tyrol desires that sort of a diet, she may have it in welcome.

Boston went strongly for license as usual, but no power in the state can grant license, and unless the supreme court of the United States overrules the constitutional amendment, no state in the union will ever hereafter have the right to license the sale of liquor.

The Good Government association seems to have scored in Tuesday's election in Boston, although some good men were defeated. By this it is assumed that so far as the men elected are concerned, good government during their incumbency is assured.

SEEN AND HEARD

The average life of man depends a whole lot on how he lives.

I'll at least one Christmas stocking, lest you face the scorn of conscience.

One of the hardest things in the world is to understand the man you do not want to understand.

Dickens called life "one durned horrid grind," and Emerson called it "a bubble and a skepticism and a sleep within a sleep." Take your pick!

Do not think the paragraphs you read were written for your special benefit. But if they fit your case take them unto thy heart and endeavor to profit thereby.

Miss Jessie Stephens, housemaid, is a candidate for the British parliament. She's a good cook, they say. If she gets in, John Bull may have less half-baked legislation. And, no doubt, Miss Jessie can roast the opposition if necessary.

The Good Old Days.

In the good old days the milkman would drive up to your house, ring a hand bell and then mother or the "hired girl" would put on her sun-bonnet, or in winter, the little brown shawl that always hung on a nail on every back kitchen door, come out with a crock or a tin pail and receive milk drawn from a brass faucet in a high tin can set in the front of the wagon. And she'd pay about a nickel for enough milk for the family, the cat and the puppy. Those were the days!

Schools in Morocco.

Any time your little boy entertains a notion that school hours are too much of a burden, read him this:

"Children in Morocco go to school at 3 o'clock in the morning, study until noon, and after an hour's recess, return to school where they study until 3 o'clock in the evening."

That'll hold Willie for a while! And, Willie, after dad reads the above, and delivers his comments, read this to him:

"Schools in Morocco do not teach reading, writing and arithmetic and lessons are studied while boys indulge in leapfrog and blindman's buff."

Anybody would get up before daylight to go to that sort of school!

Tips From Texas.

And if shoes go much higher everybody will envy the one-legged man.

No matter how much a man grouches over the price of butter he would rather pay taxes on a cow than milk her.

What has become of the old-fashioned grocerman who advertised 20 pounds of sugar for a dollar?

The old-fashioned woman who had corns on her hands now has a granddaughter who's got them on her toes.

And when there is a bad man in the moving picture our rule is to stay in our seat until we have seen him killed several times.

It has just about got to in this country that it is as hard to find a cheery house to move to as it used to be for the landlord to find a cheery tenant.—Dallas News.

Choice Bits.

"The fellow who isn't fired with enthusiasm is apt to be fired."

"If you have half an hour to spare, don't spend it with someone who hasn't."

"Never contrive to make it easy for your concern to get along without you."

"When in a fix, sweating will get you farther than swearing."

"Let rules do the kicking."

"You have no idea how big the other fellow's troubles are."

"It's all right to aspire to control others, but have you begun with number one?"

"Two-thirds of 'promotion' consists of 'motion'."

"Defeat is often a spur to victory."

"Don't simply see how you can put in the day. See how much you can put into the day."—Forbes Magazine.

Mother Bed

(Copyright, 1919, N.E.A.)
I fear old Mother Bed is ill;
Not that she lies so white and still,
Nor that her figure is thin and flat,
For I can understand all that.

I lay my weary head by hers
And sweet the blessing she confers!
Her pillowed cheek is cool and calm
And soothes me with a sort of balm.

And through the winter's wind and storm,
She cuddles me and keeps me warm;
I curl up in her empty lap
And settle for a long night's nap.

But in the dark there comes a doubt,
For, later, as I straighten out,
I feel a sudden deadly chill
And know poor Mother Bed is ill.

I thrust my own feet down to feel
And find her feet so cold as steel,
And oh, I fear, nay, I am sure
Her circulation's very poor!

Dear me! dear me! poor Mother Bed!
What should we do if she were dead?
If that grim chill struck to her core
And she should never warm us more!

—EDMUND VANCE COOKE.

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MAN ABOUT TOWN

It's been a long time, since one could look out over Lowell's rooftops and find them blanketed with snow but at the present time this is true and the scene is indeed a pretty one as viewed from a height. So far this season what snow we have had has not been of a sufficiently stable character to last after it has fallen but Tuesday's storm was preserved by the cold weather which immediately followed it. There is hardly a building within my radius of vision which has not its white covering and the scene seems to reach a climax in the solid whiteness of Fort Hill rising above the rest of the city. Here the whiteness is unbroken until the very summit of the hill is reached and there an abundant growth of evergreen contrasts beautifully with the purity of the lower hill.

A number of Lowell young men will experience a real New England Christmas next week after a lapse of one, and in some cases, two years. Army and navy duties in much warmer climes took many away during the years of war and they passed through Yuletide seasons of entirely different aspects. In fact, Christmas away from home is not Christmas at all, but there is no Christmas anywhere which compares with New England's. Perhaps it is because we live here, and always have, that makes us think and say so, but every New Englander shares the same belief. It may be because traditions have come down through the years of snow-bound Christmas firesides and the ploughing of huge snow drifts when families travelled miles to join with others in observance of the day, but I guess, it's just because it is New England. Of course, people in California, for instance, who have never known a New England Christmas, feel that theirs is very real and look upon the pointlessness with the same amount of Christmas joy as we feel when handling holly, mistletoe and evergreen. But, can you imagine a Christmas with green grass and summer weather—a temperature of 80 or thereabouts? That is why those of us who experienced warm Christmases in the last year or two, are glad to be back this year—and the colder and snowier the better.

BUY AMERICAN MONEY IN WINDSOR, ONT.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 18.—Buyers in Windsor, Ont., across the Detroit river from this city, of American money are making high profits, according to a leading Windsor banker, who declares that 95 per cent of the approximately \$250,000 that monthly goes to Windsor from here, is bought at a premium.

A sign displayed in a Windsor store this week reads: "American money bought here, highest prices paid," the dealer's price being 7 per cent. Chartered banks less than a block away were taking all offerings at 5 per cent, it was stated. Retail stores advertise in the newspapers that they allow 7 per cent on American currency, while street car conductors are making handsome profits.

Canadian holders of American Liberty bonds quoted below par are declared to be selling their bonds in Detroit for American money, which they resell in Windsor at a profit, to make up their losses. In Detroit there is a 10 per cent discount on Canadian money and at many places it is refused entirely.

4621 AUTOS STOLEN IN N. Y. IN 6 MONTHS

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Reports received by the state bureau of municipal information of the state conference of mayors show that 4621 automobiles were stolen in the state during the last six months. Police departments, it was announced, recovered 2601.

LOWELL BRANCH OF ASSYRIAN ASSOCIATION TO BE REPRESENTED AT CONVENTION

The Lowell branch of the Assyrian National association will be represented at the third annual convention of the organization, which will be held at New Britain, Conn., Dec. 18 and 20. Numerous delegates from various points of the United States will be in attendance at the convention and in addition there will be representatives from the branches in Canada, Constantinople, Mesopotamia and Persia, and most prominent among those present will be Lady Surnall, sister of the late Mar Shimon, patriarch of Assyria. The convention will be addressed by Jacobite Bishop Aphrem Barson, representative of the present patriarch.

Cured His Rupture

I was badly ruptured while lifting a trunk several years ago. Doctors said my only hope of cure was an operation. Trusses did me no good. Finally I got hold of something that quickly and completely cured me. Years have passed and the rupture has never returned, although I am doing hard work as a carpenter. There was no operation, no lost time, no trouble. I have nothing to sell, but will give full information about how you may find you write to me, Eugene M. Pullen, carpenter, 1235 Marcellus avenue, Manassas, N. J. Better cut out this notice and show it to any other who at least step the misery of rupture and the worry and danger of an operation.—Adv.

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INQUEST OVER DEATH OF "BUDDY" BLAKE

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 18.—Seventeen witnesses, including Mrs. James Blake and her husband, have been summoned to appear tonight at the coroner's inquest over the death of Mrs. Blake's five-year-old son "Buddy." She is charged with murdering him by casting him into the ocean from the Ventnor fishing pier, last Friday night.

On the finding of the coroner's jury, probably will depend whether the prisoner, who still is in the city hospital, will be committed to an asylum, or to the county jail to await trial on the murder charge.

STEAMER REFLOATED

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The British freight steamer Grange Park, which ran aground Saturday in the heavy fog near Point Lookout, was refloated early today.

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GREAT BRITAIN DELIVERANCE UPON SOUTH AMERICA FOR BEEF.

LONDON, Thursday, Dec. 18.—Great Britain can become self-supporting as far as mutton and lamb is concerned in a few years, but must for a considerable time be dependent upon South America for beef, according to a report issued tonight by the board of trade committee appointed last April to consider means of insuring the kingdom's meat supply.

The longest warship constructed and soon to go into commission is the British battle cruiser Hood, which is 900 feet long and 12,000 tons full-load displacement.

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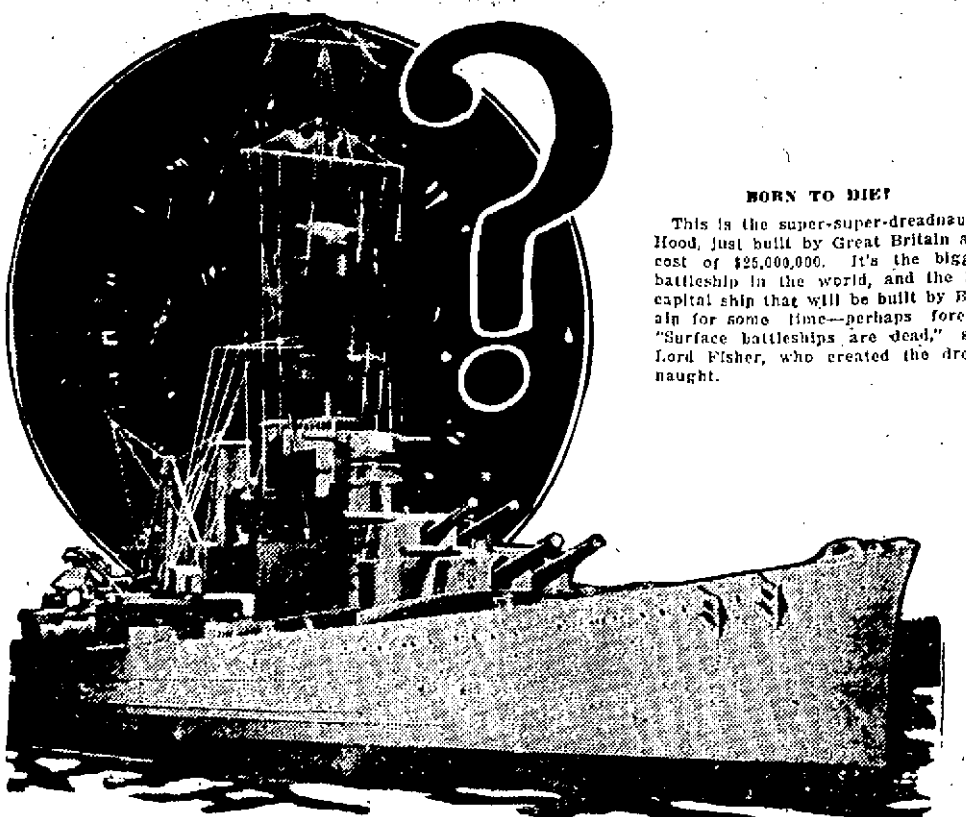
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BRITAIN JUNKS NAVY

No New Warships Being Built and no Building Program Contemplated

(N.E.A. Special to the Sun.)

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Great Britain has started reducing her navy. The admiralty has put up for sale a big group of battleships and destroyers. More will go under the hammer later on.

The bulk of the fleet has already been taken out of active commission. No new warships are being built and no naval building is in contemplation.

All capital ships over seven years of age are passing into the reserves. America and Japan.

The extent of the reduction will depend upon two things:

1. Naval policies of the United States and Japan; and

2. Air and submarine developments.

There is no change in Britain's determination to keep her "margin of safety" over other navies. She deems this necessary to her security as a sea empire, although at this moment she considers air dominance at least as important as sea dominance.

The war left Britain so strong that she will still have the biggest navy after the United States has completed the 1916 program of dreadnoughts and battle cruisers interrupted by the war.

So under pressure of a nation debilitated and demanding economy, the admiralty is weeding out and reducing the navy to a point deemed safe. The future British naval policy is left hanging in the air. Admiral Beatty himself doesn't know what it will be.

Dreadnought Extinct.

Naval chiefs are frankly relieved that they have a "breathing spell" in which to look ahead and study possible air and submarine developments that

may revolutionize naval warfare and junk the surface dreadnoughts.

Lord Fisher, creator of the dreadnoughts, says they will soon be "extinct."

Admiral Sir Percy Scott says the big ships that formed the backbone of the Grand Fleet during the war are "deader than dead."

"The air controls the water," says

Fisher. "Unless all warships can get under the water they will be blown out of the water. Millions upon millions are still being wasted in the upkeep of ships that can't be used in war."

Submarine battleships with big guns and many torpedo tubes, and tremendous air strength will constitute safety in the future, according to this school of thought.

For Surface Ships.

The predominant admiralty view here is that big surface ships are still the backbone of naval power. Aircraft and submarines are regarded as increasingly important auxiliaries.

That is also the United States navy's view if the resumption of the 1916 program may be taken as an index.

Significance attaches, however, to the British belief at being able to drop naval building a while and "see what happens"—meanwhile pushing aerial development.

Immediately after the armistice Britain cancelled contracts for about 500 war vessels ranging from trawlers to four super-dreadnoughts.

Three of these dreadnoughts were cancelled. One, H. M. S. Hood, was ordered completed and has just been finished in the shipbuilding yards in the Clyde.

This monster, the largest battleship in the world, is likely to be the last capital ship built in this country for many years—"if not forever," as the Evening Standard puts it.

Build Merchant Ships.

The Clyde, which has been one of the seats of the British naval empire for more than a century, is turning to merchant building exclusively, probably for good.

Other private company yards have long since turned to merchant work, and the government is now planning to turn government naval yards over for merchant shipbuilding, retaining, of course, facilities for making naval repairs.

The British navy, which a year ago formed the greatest concentration of sea power in history, now has one small, active fleet. Here is, roughly, the lineup today:

Atlantic fleet—Only active fleet. Under command of Admiral Sir Charles Madden, who is to get the Hood as his

flagship after her trials at Plymouth. Consists of five Queen Elizabeths and five Royal Sovereigns, and there is talk of further reducing the complement in the interests of economy. Spends part of the time based at Plymouth for target practice and part in home ports of Portsmouth and Devonport.

Group on sale—Battleships and destroyers of older types including Indomitable. Before the war ships were sold only to shipbreakers. This is not a rule now. Chitt will probably buy two battleships.

Home fleet—Comprises a large part of what was Grand Fleet, and lies at anchor in British naval ports as "first reserve" with reduced crews sufficient merely to keep the vessels in shape.

Scattered group—Single ships or small groups on duty at various points around the world.

Will H. Hays "Going to the Grass Roots"

BY HARRY B. HUNT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—May be his name—Hays—has something to do with it, but anyway the chief pastime of Will H. Hays, chairman of the republican national committee, as he himself puts it, is "going to the grass roots" for information.

Hays told national committeemen, here to plan for the big convention at Chicago, June 8, that he has been delving around the grass roots considerably of late and that all present indications point to a heavy republican harvest on next November 2.

Hays believes, however, that it will not hurt to spread considerable G.O.P. fertilizer, as a possible precaution against an unexpected spell of democratic weather.

"We must get every man interested in politics," he told his hearers. "National patriotism has been aroused by the war. The only way to apply patriotism in a democracy is through practical politics. If we get everybody interested and active in politics I'll take my chances on the proper proportion voting republican."

Array of Issues

Issues? Sh-h-h! Hays anticipated discussion for publication among committeemen by issuing a blanket broadside covering the whole field.

"We must stick to fundamentals and get back to the constitution," he said. "We are for justice for both capital and labor. We are for law and

order. We are against anarchy and redism and for Americanization. We are for a budget system."

Hays had apparently concluded his array of issues, and had turned to another subject when he remembered something vital.

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MEXICO'S REPLY IS RECEIVED

Official Text on Note on
Jenkins Case Arrives at
Washington

Reports Indicate Note Had
Not Made a Favorable
Impression

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Mexico's
reply to the last American note on
the case of American Consul Agent
Jenkins, was received today at the
state department.

The official text was said to dif-
fer only slightly from that contained
in Associated Press despatches Tues-
day night, from Mexico City.

While officials said they would
have no comment to make until they
had had time to thoroughly study the
note, it was indicated that at first
reading the communication had not
made a favorable impression.

ENTERTAINMENT IN AD OF MEMORIAL FUND

Another enjoyable affair in aid
of the fund to erect a memorial to
Pawtucketville's heroes of the world
war was held last evening at the
Pawtucket boat house when the
welcome home committee staged a
social and dance that attracted an
exceptionally large crowd. The
evening's program opened with an
overture by Miss Margaret Tighe.
Other numbers were songs by Com-
missioner James E. Donnelly assisted
by the Clinton Glee club, an exhibition
dance by Mr. Huxley and Miss Beau,
another by Miss Cella Crowe, songs
by the Misses Bertha and Alice Dion
and Miss Mary McPartland. The
accompanists of the evening were
Miss Margaret Tighe, Mrs. George
Tyler and Miss Dion.

George Tyler, the noted baseball
star, was the general manager of the
evening's affair and through his gen-
erosity the orchestra for dancing was
donated. He was assisted by the
following aids: William H. Rigby,
Cornelius F. Cronin, Edward Cunn-
ingham, Daniel Paquette, Henry Tighe,
Rev. A. G. Lyons, Mrs. George Tyler.



GEORGE TYLER
General Manager

Mrs. Patrick Brosnan, Mrs. John Cog-
ger, Miss Marion Cogger, Miss Alice
Bittell, Miss Lavina Axon, Mrs. H.
L. Sweet, Miss Mary Cryan, Miss
Marion Decarrett, Mrs. Fred Brien,
Mrs. W. J. Coughlin, Mrs. T. Chad-
wick, Mrs. H. Marshall, Mrs. J.
Mullin, Mrs. Edward McCarthy, Miss
Merrill Mrs. W. Courtney, Mrs. H.
Roberts, Mrs. J. Ayer, Mrs. W. Sexton,
Miss Mary McKoy, Mrs. E. Tremblay,
Mrs. Walter Cunningham and Mrs.
John Raymond. The refreshment
committee was in charge of Mrs.
Walter Courtney.

BIG HOLIDAY ATTRACTION GONE

There will be no ice carnival in
Montreal this winter or at least dur-
ing the holidays and there will be
no special rates on the railroads dur-
ing the holiday period, which means
that very few Lowell people will
spend the holidays across the line
this year. The ice carnival week in
Montreal and the reduced railroad
rates have always been a big at-
traction for Canadians who are now
making their homes in the states
with the result that every year hun-
dreds of them speed up north for a
week or 10 days in order to wit-
ness the disappearance of the old
year and the birth of the new one in
their old homes.

The ice carnival at Montreal was
conducted for years, but when the
war broke out, the affair was "killed"
so to speak and it may be several
years before this great attraction is
revived. When the United States gov-
ernment took control of the railroads
there was no such thing as excu-
sions or reduced rates around the
holidays and this year is no exception
to the rule. Furthermore the rates
between Boston and Montreal have
increased considerably during the
past two years and that has its ef-
fect on the holiday tourists.

\$15,000 ASKED FOR EXPENSES OF SECOND INDUSTRIAL CON- FERENCE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Congress
was asked today by President Wilson
for appropriate \$15,000 for the ex-
penses of the second industrial con-
ference now in session here.

BAR PASSPORTS TO "PICTURE BRIDES"

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—Senator
James D. Phelan, who was at home to-
day for the holidays, said he had re-
ceived information from Washington to
the effect that the Japanese govern-
ment had decided to cease issuing pas-
ports to "picture brides" of Japanese in
the United States and that it will make
a definite announcement to that effect
Feb. 21.

Disapproval of the practice of Japa-
nese men in America in selecting wives
in Japan whose pictures only they have
seen, was expressed in resolutions re-
cently adopted by the board of direc-
tors of the Japanese Association of
America.

LEGAL NOTICES

Commonwealth of Massachusetts—
Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To all persons interested in the es-
tate of Joseph H. Clarkin, late of Cam-
bridge, in the County of Middlesex,
and State of New Hampshire, deceased,
or in the personal property hereinafter
described, and to the Tax Commissioner
for said Commonwealth:

Whereas, Bridget A. Clarkin, ap-
pointed administratrix of the estate of
said deceased, by the Probate Court for
the County of Hillsborough, in the
State of New Hampshire, has presented
to said Court her petition representing
that as such administratrix she is en-
titled to certain personal property sit-
uated in said Commonwealth, to wit:
Deposit in Washington Savings Bank, in
Lowell, and praying that she may be
licensed to receive or to sell by public
or private sale on such terms and to
such person or persons as she shall think
fit—or otherwise to dispose of, and to
transfer and convey such estate.

You are hereby cited to appear at a
Probate Court to be held at Cambridge,
in said County of Middlesex, on the
second day of January, A. D. 1920, at
nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show
cause, if any you have, why the same
should not be granted.

And said petitioner is ordered to
serve this citation by publishing the
same once in each week, for three suc-
cessive weeks, in The Lowell Sun, a
newspaper published in Lowell, the last
publication to be one day at least be-
fore said Court, and by delivering a
copy of said citation to the Tax Com-
missioner for said Commonwealth four-
teen days at least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Es-
quire, First Judge of said Court, this
fifteenth day of December, in the year
one thousand nine hundred and nine-
teen.

F. M. ESTY, Register.

015-22-23

Commonwealth of Massachusetts—
Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To all persons interested in the es-
tate of Katharine J. Buckley, late of Nashua
in the County of Hillsborough, and
State of New Hampshire, deceased, or
in the personal property hereinafter
described, and to the Tax Commissioner
for said Commonwealth:

Whereas, Mary Buckley appointed
administratrix of the estate of said de-
ceased, by the Probate Court for the
County of Hillsborough, in the State of
New Hampshire, has presented to said
Court her petition representing that as
such administratrix she is entitled to
certain personal property situated in
said Commonwealth, to wit: Deposit in
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts—
Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and
all other persons interested in the es-
tate of Eva Moreau, late of Lowell, in
said County, deceased, by Harry Joseph
Moreau and Alice A. Moreau, who pray that letters testa-
mentary may be issued to them, the
executors therein named, without giv-
ing a surety on their official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a
Probate Court to be held at Cambridge,
in said County of Middlesex, on the
second day of January, A. D. 1920, at
nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show
cause, if any you have, why the same
should not be granted.

And said petitioner is hereby di-
rected to give public notice thereof, by
publishing this citation once in each
week, for three successive weeks, in
the Lowell Sun, a newspaper published
in Lowell, the last publication to be one
day, at least, before said Court, and by
mailing postpaid, or delivering a copy
of said citation to each of the persons
interested in the estate, seven days at
least before said Court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Es-
quire, First Judge of said Court, this
fifteenth day of December, in the year
one thousand nine hundred and nine-
teen.

F. M. ESTY, Register.

011-15-23

CITY OF LOWELL.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Lowell, Mass., Dec. 17, 1919.

Public notice is hereby given that
the following minor licenses expire
December 31, 1919:

Auctioneer

Public Amusement for Theatre

Second Hand Motor Vehicles or Parts

Thereof:

(1) Agent

(2) Used Car Dealer

(3) Motor Vehicle Junk

Application for removal of these li-
censes should be made at the License
Commission Office, on or before 12
o'clock, noon, Saturday, December 27,
1919.

By order of the License Commission.

JOHN J. FLAHERTY, Clerk.

NOTICE

All bills, for accounts due
from the City of Lowell,
must be rendered on or be-
fore December 24, 1919, to
insure payment January
15, 1920.

J. JOSEPH HENNESSY,
City Auditor.

JAMES E. DONNELLY,
Commissioner of Finance.



BIG XMAS SALE

Cherry & Webb are always ready to do their part. Heavy reductions give in-
creased value to the Xmas dollar. Suits, Coats, Dresses, Furs and Christmas stocks at
exceptional prices.

Sale Commences Friday at 9.30

SUITS

Fur Trimmed

SUITS

At a Great Saving. Sold as
High as \$65.00.

\$39.85

Velours, Silvertones, Trico-
tines, Oxfords and Mixtures.

COATS

Big Fur Collar

COATS

They are the demand gar-
ments—Velours, Silvertone,
Polo Cloth, silk lined, all
sizes, large collars, Raccoon,
Sealine and Nutria. Selling
to \$65. A buy you will not
regret.

\$39.75

85 Plaid Skirts of the Better Grades

MAKERS' SAMPLES — \$16.75

Sold to \$27.50. At.....

For the KIDDIES' XMAS

3rd Floor

Plenty of Good Things Here in
Splendid Selections

Fur Sets.....\$3.98, \$6.98, \$8.98
Bathrobes.....\$1.98 and \$2.98
Sweaters.....\$2.98 to \$7.50

White Dresses.....\$2.98 to \$8.98
Gingham Dresses \$1.98 to \$6.00
Rain Capes.....\$2.98 and \$3.98
Dolls.....79c to \$1.25

Furs and Fur Coats

A Wonderful Stock. We Can Save
You 25% on Furs.

CHERRY & WEBB

12-18 JOHN STREET

Bathrobe Days Friday and Saturday

Immense Showing Ready Friday, in Beacon Bathrobes
\$3.98, \$5.00, \$6.98, \$7.50 to \$14.00

Georgette Waists

WONDERS AT.....
Fascinating embroidered effects, dainty
tints and colors, worth \$8.50 today, at

\$5.00

LINGERIE WAISTS of Voiles.....\$1.98, \$2.98

HIGH GRADE WAISTS of Georgette—
\$6.98, \$8.75, \$12.50 to \$25.00

Our Basement Dept.

Alive With Xmas Gifts.
HOUSE DRESSES, APRONS, PETTI-
COATS, RAINCOATS, KIMONS,
WOOL SCARFS, VESTS

CHRISTMAS SEAL DRIVE PROGRESSING

BOSTON, Dec. 18.—That the anti-tu-
berculosis Christmas seal drive in Mas-
sachusetts will have raised \$250,000
when it closes Christmas eve was the
prediction of state campaign director
Roxcoe W. Vining after a survey of the
reports received at headquarters this
morning from all parts of
the state. These reports in-
dicate that the large eastern
cities, with Haverhill as a notable ex-
ception, are much in need of workers
and that the small towns generally and
the cities and towns in the central and
western part of the state are likely to
exceed their quotas.

Ten cities and towns are already over
the top in the Berkshire district which
will undoubtedly raise its quota of
\$14,500.

In Boston about \$22,000 worth of
Christmas seals have been sold and the
daily sale is only \$650. Springfield and
Worcester started behind the rest of
the state but are making up for lost
time by intensive work. Newton and

Brookline are conspicuous for good
work among the suburbs of Boston.
Haverhill is doing the best work of any
eastern city. Pittsfield so far has made
the best showing of all the cities.

Though the goal was set at \$300,000
for the state, Robert V. Spencer, sec-
retary of the Massachusetts Tubercu-
losis league under the auspices of
which the campaign is being conducted,
declared this morning that the work
will have been well worth while if not
more than half the amount reached for
should be attained.

The campaign gained force this week
from the formal endorsements of Wil-
lam Cardinal O'Connell, Dr. Bernard

the campaign will have been the or-
ganization of hundreds of volunteers
to fight against tuberculosis and the
education of the whole people as to
good health habits. The campaign has
been the most successful effort to
spread information for the prevention
of disease the state has ever known.
There has been no lack of popular buy-
ing wherever the seals have been of-
fered. The difficulty has been to obtain
workers," said he.

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W. Carey, director of the division of
communicable diseases of the state
health department, and Dr. William C.
Woodward, Boston health commis-
sioner.

The following places, of which the
first ten are in the Berkshire district
have sold or exceeded their quotas:

Adams, Dalton, Hartsville, Lenox,
Monterey, Mt. Washington, New Marl-
boro, Peru, Pittsfield, Williamstown,
Newburyport, Dedham, Georgetown,
Mills, Reading, Wayland, Weston and
Uxbridge. There has been no report of
quitting by any organization.

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At Ostroff's

— CONSISTING OF —

Underwear, Sweaters, Fancy Handkerchiefs, Hosiery,
Gloves and Mittens For the Entire Family

FANCY MUFFLERS, NECKTIES AND RUBBERS. FURS FOR LADIES, MISSES AND
CHILDREN. INFANTS' OUTFITS.

In Fact a Complete Christmas Stock With
a Saving to You of From 25% to
75% or Your Money Back

— SPECIAL —
200 Dozen Men's All Silk Hose, in black,
cordovan, Palm Beach, green
and navy, a pair..... 50c

Hundreds of Other Bargains Too Numerous
to Mention. Be Wise. Be Economical.
Be Practical — Buy here.

WHERE U BOT THE OVERALLS

193-195 MIDDLESEX ST.

Sporting News and Newsy Sports

SIMLER IN LINE FOR SALEM WINS AND GOES
MANY GOOD MATCHES INTO FIRST PLACE

Chick Simler, who boxes Jimmy Duffy in the main bout at the Crescent A. A. tonight will be one of the busiest lightweights in the east if he succeeds in beating Duffy. All the Boston clubs as well as several in Providence, Buffalo and Philadelphia are after his services. One Quaker City club wants him for New Year's, possibly against Lew Tindler, who it is expected will be able to box them.

Simler claims that he is now in perfect condition for the first time since he got out of the service. His first fight after receiving his discharge from the navy was against Barney Adair at Lawrence. Adair outweighted him by eight or ten pounds, but he gave him a merry battle. On his former appearance in Lowell he claims he was tired after traveling all night and part of the day of the bout from Buffalo, where he boxed the night before. Simler wants to show Lowell fans that he was not at his best on that occasion and if he loses tonight he will have no excuses or alibis to offer.

Lowell fans, however, like Duffy as they have seen him in three bouts. He came through with flying colors and local followers of the game think he can give any man of his weight a stiff argument. All agree that tonight's bout ought to be a hummer.

Frank Molins and Johnny Mario will meet in the semi-final.

Negotiations are underway to rematch Johnny Downes and Frankie Brown, who recently put up a sensational 12-round draw here.

Another match that ought to go big here or anywhere else is one between Josephs and Roy Moore. It is reported that overtures were made to hook up the pair, but a little dispute over weight has kept them apart.

If Chick Simler defeats Jimmy Duffy of New York here tonight he is to be given a bout with either Beanie Valgar or Joe Tiplitz at the Armory A. A. of Boston.

BOBBY JOSEPHS WINS

Knocks Out Young Solzberg

—Phinney Boyle Knocked

Out in First Round

BOSTON, Dec. 18.—Bobby Josephs stopped Young Solzberg of New York in the sixth round of their bout at the Suffolk A. A. last night.

In the first round Josephs caught Solzberg on the jaw with a right cross and Solzberg went to the mat. The latter did some good jabbing and hooking after that.

Josephs kept shooting rights and lefts at Solzberg and in the fifth the New Yorker showed signs of distress. Josephs went after his rival strong at the start of the sixth. After landing several punches he took his right to Solzberg's jaw, knocking him out.

Only one punch was landed in the battle between Shaver O'Brien and Phinney Boyle. The latter rolled it on the jaw and went to the mat and stayed there till he was counted out.

Tommy Nee defeated Harry Loring in six rounds. Frank Ryan stopped George Richards in four and Tony Vatin defeated Frank Haley in 10.

D. C. DROPS HARVARD DATES

BOSTON, Dec. 18.—The athletic management of Boston college today announced that all dates with Harvard university had been cancelled. The action which is unexplained follows an announcement that Boston college would not appear on the Harvard football schedule next year.

Before invention of the paravane to trap submarines, there was developed a form of submarine rake which acted on the principle of the hay rake.

BOXING

JIMMY DUFFY VS. CHICK SIMLER

TONIGHT

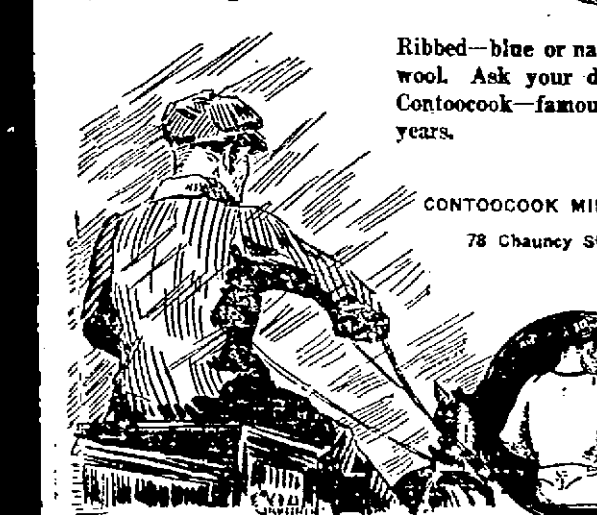
POLO

SALEM vs. LOWELL

Crescent Rink—Friday Night

A Barrier Against Cold
and Stormy Weather

When your body is encased in this heavy pure wool honest underwear, you can laugh at zero weather.



Ribbed—blue or natural—all wool. Ask your dealer for Contoocook—famous for fifty years.

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78 Chauncy St., Boston

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LEGIONERS DEMAND

SPEEDY ACTION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Speedy action was demanded of congress on all matters affecting the government's dealings with ex-service men, in resolutions adopted last night by national and state officers of the American Legion at the conclusion of a three-day conference here with officials of the war risk insurance bureau. The resolutions also warned congress of the imperative necessity of providing relief for men who have met with injustice through the inadequacy of laws under which the present insurance and compensation regulations are administered.

Throughout the afternoon session of the conference an evident spirit of concern was evinced that the nation should not undergo again the burden of pension payments. The pension system was characterized as unnecessary and unjust and as adding a burden on the coming generations which the taxpayers of these years should shoulder.

Brig. Gen. Lord, director of finances of the war department; V. W. Lambkin, chief of the rehabilitation division of the federal board for vocational education, and Surgeon Lavinder, representing the public health service, were questioned closely in regard to the activities of their departments.

Specific cases were employed in rapid succession by the legion delegates in developing complaints and in illustration of changes in administrative practices requested by the ex-service men.

No Specific Complaint, But—

Franklin Miller, grand commander, assured the government officials at the close of the inquiry that the legion had no specific complaint against them, but that this must not be interpreted that the legion did not recognize failure on the part of the war risk bureau, the public health service and the vocational education board "to function satisfactorily."

At the conclusion of the discussion, the delegates summed up their views of needs of the ex-service men, as demonstrated by their study of the situation here, as follows:

"The Watson and Sweet bills should be passed by congress forthwith."

"The bureau of war risk insurance, federal board for vocational education and the public health service—especially the sections of the two latter agencies dealing with ex-service men—should be combined under a single head, and one representative of the unified agency should be placed in each state."

"The following modifications regarding insurance should be adopted: Premiums should be payable through the local postoffices. Restrictions based on relations of beneficiaries should be removed. The amount of the insurance under both term and converted policy should be payable at the option of the applicant in a lump sum or otherwise and if the applicant has exercised no option then at the option of the beneficiary. A partial disability benefit should be paid under all policies."

"That all disabled persons having war risk insurance while in the hospitals, or while receiving benefits under the war risk insurance act, or while receiving training, should have the payment of all insurance premiums remitted during the continuance of their disability and training. That all forms used shall be simplified, so as to be made as short and simple as possible."

"All men receiving vocational training should have their maintenance paid in full and a vocational training official should be permanently stationed at every hospital where disabled ex-service persons are being cared for, to give personal and individual information."

"Immediate and adequate steps should be taken to reach all persons at present entitled to vocational training and not receiving it, and to acquaint them fully with their rights and to give training to all who are entitled to it. Recreational features should be added to the vocational training program."

"Substantial increases in all the present rates should be granted. Immediate, liberal and effective action should be taken on all claims."

"Persons suffering from tuberculosis should be considered as totally disabled during the continuance of the disease as compensable accordingly."

"Hospital facilities at present provided are inadequate and congress should make a far more liberal provision for same."

BUSY NIGHT ON

THE LOCAL ALLEYS

The U. S. Worsted Bowling League and bowlers representing the Bowlers' Order of Buffalo league held forth on the local alleys last evening, and several spirited clashes resulted.

BULLDOG LEAGUE

Team Four—W. Garvey, 245; J. Hamel, 246; E. Davis, 279; F. Crozier, 212; R. Dempsey, 242. Total, 1305.

Team Two—D. Murray, 226; E. French, 247; J. Lowrey, 245; G. Garvey, 227; J. Kenney, 228. Total, 1273.

Team One—J. Lemire, 258; F. Hamel, 233; J. Broadhead, 260; G. Brown, 242; P. Garvey, 250. Total, 1293.

Team Three—G. Monette, 212; P. Preston, 219; P. Gill, 223; J. Hughes, 264; W. Gibson, 263. Total, 1151.

U. S. Worsted League

Wallops—Z. Greaves, 204; J. Dawson, 218; C. Nugent, 214; J. Hamm, 263; J. Mendling, 204. Total, 1222.

Mending Room—J. Wakedfield, 214; A. Dean, 232; J. Booth, 260; A. Walker, 214; J. Quirk, 221. Total, 1232.

Strangers—J. Wagner, 232; F. Genelle, 253; J. Coughlin, 233; J. Mikatop, 215; D. Beauchamp, 247. Total, 1197.

Scrubs—J. Hamm, 245; P. Beaulieu, 236; Nugent, 227; C. Machin, 243; C. Connerion, 253. Total, 1215.

Clean Sweeps—G. Litchfield, 214; T. Nugent, 215; B. Molloy, 244; J. Gattie, 235; J. Gorman, 245. Total, 1259.

Never-Sweeps—W. Morris, 226; J. McLaughlin, 226; J. McNamara, 237; A. Wagner, 246; W. Beauchamp, 228. Total, 1243.

Other Games

Hobbs—J. Lawler—Renolt, 265; McHobbs, 247; Denlay, 258; Kenefick, 265; J. Fagalis, 264. Total, 1300.

Thompson—Harvey—Co.—Vincent, 251; Thompson, 251; DeRoche, 271; Park, 251; Norwood, 253. Total, 1277.

PATSY DONOVAN

SCOUT FOR CUBS

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—The Chicago National league club plans to send a special scout to look over youngsters trying out for positions on other

PRINCE ALBERT

the national joy smoke

Roll some before you do the next thing!

PRINCE ALBERT makes the most delightful home-rolled cigarette any man ever put between his lips! Talk about refreshing coolness and flavor and fragrance! You'll get something for what ails your smokeappetite, all right, when you start slipping P. A. into the "papers."

You'll like Prince Albert quick because it is not only really delightful but because our exclusive patented process removes bite and parch. You just keep on rolling 'em till you've had your fill. It never will bother your tongue!

And, another thing, too. It's a cinch to roll

Prince Albert because it's crimp cut and it lays right where you put it and you can tuck the paper around as cleverly as a cooper hops around a barrel! And, you don't lose half the tobacco! It stays put—that's the ideal!

Your enjoyment of Prince Albert in a cigarette will be as great as smoking it in a friendly old jimmy pipe! P. A. has put pipe smoking in a new class. It has set three men smoking pipes where one smoked before! Say, you've got a bunch of fun coming your way the minute you load up with a supply of Prince Albert! Sure!!

Tappy red bags, tidy red tins, handsome pound and half pound tin humidors—and—that classy, practical pound crystal glass humidior with sponge moisture top that keeps Prince Albert in such perfect condition!

R. J. REYNOLDS TOBACCO COMPANY, Winston-Salem, N. C.

LOOK FOR TUMBLE

IN HIGH PRICES

One of the best arguments in support of the claim that high prices in all lines of necessities will tumble next fall and that August or September will mark the time when the journey back to normal will begin, is seen in the statement of several retail buyers in Lowell department stores, who say that buying this year has been done with the deliberate aim of overstocking to such an extent that a tremendous reduction in the demand upon the wholesaler will be in effect.

If this is so, the scale of prices must go down under the law of supply and demand and the people of Lowell will reap the benefit. It is said that a number of Lowell stores have sufficient stock on hand to carry them through another fall and winter and that they will not be in the market for goods of that season until another year.

In many ways this program of buying in the stores is but a large reflection of individual purchasing. When shoes, for instance, began to increase in price and showed no tendency to stop, many people purchased two or three pairs instead of one and in that way created a supply which tided them over the season of top-limit prices.

CHRISTMAS DAY AT

THE ORPHANAGE

Christmas tree exercises, a midnight mass and a turkey dinner will mark the observance of Christmas at the French-American orphanage in Pawtucket street. The exercises will be held on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, while the dinner will be served at noon Christmas day.

The mass at midnight will be for the children and sisters of the institution alone for it was stated this morning that no outsiders will be admitted at the service. During the mass, which will be celebrated by the chaplain of the orphanage, appropriate hymns will be rendered by the children under the direction of the superior.

On Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock the 12th annual Christmas tree exercises will be held under the direction of Mrs. George E. Calise, who will supply the little ones with appropriate gifts. The 250 or more boys and girls will meet in the assembly hall, where Santa Claus will greet them. A varied entertainment program will be given. Mrs. Calise stated this morning that, owing to the scarcity of sugar, she did not conduct any cake sale this year, but instead she has received donations from friends of the institution. She also stated that it is not too late for anyone who would like to send in his or her donation.

ST. Peter's Orphanage

At St. Peter's orphanage in Stevens street there will be 100 Christmas



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REDUCED FARES

IN EFFECT TODAY

Reduced fares between Lowell and Dracut, together with a reduction of the rate between this city and Collinsville and Lakeview became effective on the local street cars today. Patrons may now ride from Merrimack square to Dracut Centre for 54 cents, instead of 10 cents, formerly the charge. The fare to Collinsville and Lakeview is now 12½ cents, a reduction of 2 and ½ cents. To benefit by this reduction the \$1 ticket must be used.

SAUNDERS

MARKET CO.

LOWELLS BIGGEST FREE DELIVERY

AND BEST! PHONE 3890

DON'T BE MISLED

No one is giving anything away or in business for the pleasure there is in it. We buy in large quantities and sell at a small profit.

When we advertise specials they are just what we claim them to be and guarantee every one. Satisfaction or your money refunded.

Special for Friday and Saturday

Fancy Bacon, lb. 28¢

Onions, lb. 6¢

Lemons, doz. . . 12½¢

Pure Lard, lb. . . 30¢

Dry Mustard, pkg. 7¢

Round Steak, lb. 25¢

Buckwheat and Wheat

Flour, pkg. . . 7¢

Heckers' Oatmeal,

pkg. 8¢

Condensed Milk, can

10¢

Sweet Corn, 2 Cans,

25¢

Libby's Sauer Kraut,

can 9¢

Large, Sweet Juicy

Oranges, doz. 29¢

Sweet Pickled Shoulders, lb. . . . 19¢

Hamburg Steak, lb.,

12½¢

Fresh Shoulders, lb.

22¢

STOCK UP. XMAS IS ONLY ONE WEEK AWAY

ALL'S FAIR IN POLITICS

Ladies Even Keep Tab on Private Lives of the Bosses

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Not as members of a "ladies aid society," but as equals, women for the first time in the history of the Republican party really participated in its councils at the meeting of the national committee in Washington.

But in spite of the changed status of the women many gallant remarks

of my voice and studying abroad with a view to singing in grand opera, I decided that after all I would rather devote my time to organizing women enabling them to use their ballot to the best advantage.

"It was rather a coincidence that I received an offer from the Chicago Grand Opera Co. at the same time I was asked by Mrs. McCormick to aid her with the work of the Republican women's executive committee."

Mrs. Doherty is now chairman of the state executive committee of Illinois. In a leopard skin coat Mrs. Abby Scott Baker of the national women's party was seen stalking someone in the dense thicket of Republican committee men in the lobby of the New Willard.

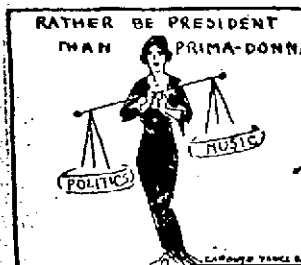
When questioned as to the person she was so obviously hunting, she declared she was out after big game, the "man behind" each of the governors of the 11 states that have not yet ratified the suffrage amendment.

What Mrs. Baker would not remember the card index of the suffrage party would supply. A card index is now being kept in which all the details of the public and private life of each governor is kept. Senators at one time were similarly indexed.



were overheard in the lobbies to the effect that the women "were the real bosses, anyhow." Evidently the politicians of the old school were not aware that a new era had dawned; or it may be that era may go on dawn- ing eternally, but nature does not change particularly that phase of it which causes the male to flatter the female.

Mrs. Medill McCormick, daughter of Mark Hanna, wife of Senator McCormick, presented the women's viewpoint at the "love feast." She referred to the victories of the republicans in New York, where the women vote,



compared to the outcome in New Jersey, where they do not vote.

One of the women attending the sessions, who has already helped to make political history, was Mrs. Ar- (Hazel) Livermore. She managed a dinner in New York recently at which Republican leaders conferred which was a huge success. If there is one thing which women ought to be able to do better than men in politics it is to manage banquets.

"Men," she said, "would not have bothered to separate husbands and wives at such a large affair, but we did and consequently it was a social success as well as a political one."

Making mayors is preferable to

HE PLAYED THREE ROLES

Prof. Keister Puzzle to Specialists—Can't Recall His Adventures

N. E. A. Special to The Sun.

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 18.—Professor Donald C. Keister, whose "triple personality" has been studied by specialists, has been taken east by his family, leaving townspeople, faculty members and students in the University of Wisconsin all attempting amateur diagnoses.

Here are the three men who apparently lived their separate lives in the person of Donald Keister:

Professor Keister, aged 29, slight, studious, devoted to his accomplished young wife. Making ends meet on a salary of \$2500 while he gave lectures in business administration.

Keister Versatile.

D. C. Keister, son of wealth; man of affairs; auditor employed by the

United States Steel corporation and the Standard Oil Co. In making up their income tax returns. Stockholder in big corporations, shrewd manipulator of big deals.

"Skipper Armstrong," ladies' man and bon vivant; dashing cavalier in a many-cylindered car; expert in romantic intrigue.

The story of Keister's recent career begins with his taking up residence in Milwaukee in connection with the university extension work. He obtained a week's leave of absence and called for his expensive automobile, which he had kept in an east side garage in Milwaukee. His destination was given as Mt. Pleasant, Pa., where his family is interested in coal lands.

He had drawn \$2500 in negotiable securities and \$600 in cash before starting, and it was believed by his attorney that he was intending to patch up a tottering business in which he was a director.

Phones to Wife.

He motored through Chicago to Lafayette, Ind., where he met a former schoolmate; left for Indianapolis, where he registered at the Claypool hotel and called his wife by telephone, asking her to join him for the rest of the trip. She declined. He left Indianapolis in the afternoon—and vanished.

For a week nothing was heard from him.

Then his attorney, Marvin W. Wallace, in Milwaukee, received a message signed Martha B. Thornton saying that a young man had been seriously injured in an automobile accident and that he carried cards bearing the name of Attorney Wallace and Professor Keister. The patient was being cared for in the home of a wealthy family, name not given. Wallace hastened to Indianapolis and hunted in vain for his client.

While he was searching, Professor Keister walked into Wallace's office in Milwaukee and said, "Here I am. I don't know where I've been or what I've done since I started from Indianapolis."

Keister was taken to Mt. Sinai hospital for observation. It was announced that he was a victim of amnesia—the complete loss of memory.

While Professor Keister was in the hospital, his photograph appeared in Milwaukee newspapers. William M. Mower, broker, recognized him as "Skipper Armstrong," a frequent visitor at the Mower home, where he was attentive to Miss May Meyers and her friend, Helen Schindler, who lived with the Mowers. He had frequently been the host at gay parties and has a solid reputation as a spender and good fellow.

Mower called on Professor Keister. "Hello, Skipper," he said in greeting. "Hello, there, Big Chief," responded Keister, using the nickname he had given Mower.

Girl Visits Him.

Then Miss Meyers called. Miss Meyers had been a stenographer in the university offices in Madison. She moved to Milwaukee and obtained a position about the time Professor Keister was sent there.

Reverend Mr. Ischy, the professor's

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Bitro-phosphate should produce a well-come transformation in the appearance; the increase in weight frequently being astonishing. (Clinical tests made in St. Catherine's hospital, N. Y. C., showed that two patients gained in weight 23 and 27 pounds, respectively, through the administration of organic phosphate; both patients claim they have not felt as strong and well for the past 12 years. Increase in weight also carries with it a general improvement in the health. Nervousness, sleeplessness and lack of energy, which nearly always accompany excessive thinness, should soon disappear, dull eyes ought to brighten and pale cheeks glow with the bloom of perfect health.

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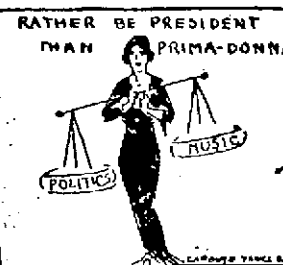
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compared to the outcome in New Jersey, where they do not vote.

One of the women attending the sessions, who has already helped to make political history, was Mrs. Ar- (Hazel) Livermore. She managed a dinner in New York recently at which Republican leaders conferred which was a huge success. If there is one thing which women ought to be able to do better than men in politics it is to manage banquets.

"Men," she said, "would not have bothered to separate husbands and wives at such a large affair, but we did and consequently it was a social success as well as a political one."

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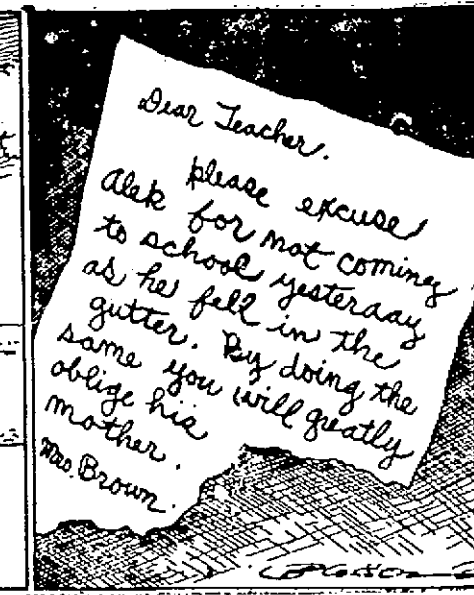
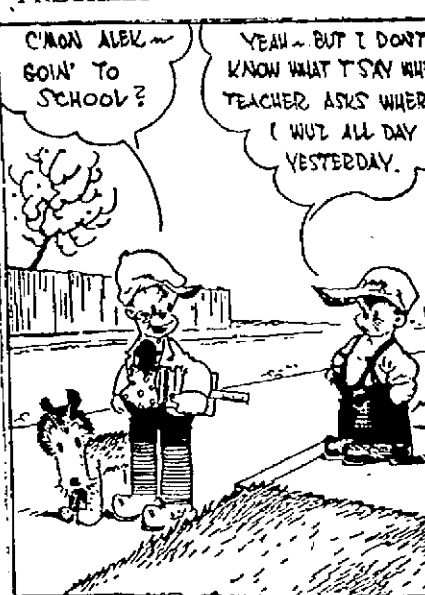
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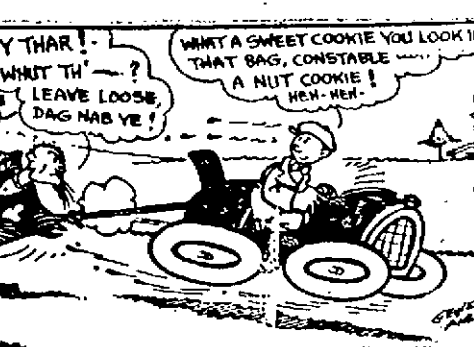
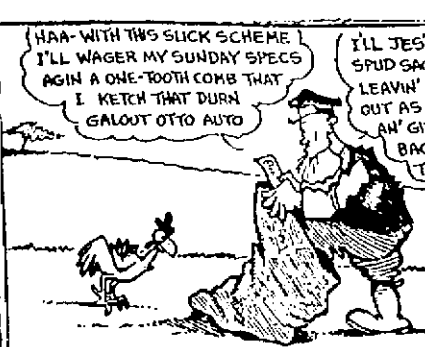
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NIGHT SESSIONS OF SENATE ON R.R. BILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Night sessions of the senate, leaders said today, probably will be continued in an effort to have the Cummins railroad bill passed before the holiday recess. The bill, which is framed to meet the requirements of the railroads when they revert to private control, came up again today with the anti-strike clauses with two substitutes to be considered.

The substitutes, offered by Senators McCormick, republican, Illinois, and Jones, democrat, New Mexico, were designed along the lines of the Canadian law. The McCormick substitute would prohibit strikes or lockouts of employees until 60 days after decisions by an arbitration board, which would be required to render decisions within 90 days.

TO HAVE RECOUNT ON PROHIBITION

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 18.—Ballot boxes in approximately 1000 Ohio precincts or one-fifth of the state, will be reopened, and last November's vote upon ratification of the federal prohibition amendment will be recounted to determine whether the "wet" victory of some 400 votes was the true result of the election.

This was decided here yesterday by Judge Frank Cleveland when he granted the requests of the Ohio dry federation for a recount.

Judge Cleveland announced that he will begin the first examination of precincts in Cleveland and Toledo. The

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THREE CITIES WITHOUT CARS

Suspension of Trolley Service in Salem, Beverly and Peabody by Bay State Co.

Thousands Forced To Walk—Cities Refused To Revoke Jitney Licenses

SALEM, Dec. 18.—Suspension of virtually all trolley service on the Salem division, comprising this city, Beverly and Peabody, by the public trustees of the Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway company, today forced thousands to walk to work in the below zero temperature or to ride in crowded, unheated jitneys. The buses were inadequate to care for the crowds notwithstanding the operation of 25 extra machines over lines formerly traversed by the trolley cars.

The trolley stop in accordance with the decision of the trustees to remove the cars, unless the city revoked jitney licenses. Special meetings of the governments in the three cities last night failed to revoke the licenses and as a result the railway officials refused to start the cars today, except on a few lines where there has been no competition.

Regular trolley service was maintained between this city and Danvers, where the selectmen recently cancelled all jitney licenses. Except for the infrequent train service on the branch line of the Boston & Maine Railroad, and the jitneys, Peabody was cut off from Salem and Lynn. Two cars were operated over one of the Salem and Lynn lines in the early morning to carry workers in the Lynn plants of the General Electric Co.

Hundreds of persons who live here but are employed in Lynn or Beverly suffered the inconvenience of already crowded Boston & Maine steam trains. Several large jitneys expected from Lynn intended to handle interurban traffic failed to appear because of a shortage in that city, where the police seized nearly a score of machines yesterday after the license bonds had been declared void.

Public meetings will be held tonight by the officials of the three cities affected. The jitney operators will be given a special hearing here on their proposal to organize a big auto-bus operating company. President John Welch, of the Jitney Operators' association of Lynn and Salem has announced that several banks stand ready to finance such an organization.

COLDEST OF THE SEASON

Thermometers on the Toboggan—Last Night Was a "Stinger"

After flitting dangerously near the zero mark for two days, Lowell thermometers went down with a vengeance last night to register the coldest weather of the season at readings which varied from 1 to 16 degrees below. Daybreak found the entire city solidly frozen after passing through one of the bitterest nights in recent years. In exposed spots the cold was almost unbearable, for it penetrated the warmest garments like crepe paper and slipped fingers and toes in a moment.

Yesterday was cold under a leaden sky, but the northern blast was intensified manifold as evening came and ample warning was given between the hours of 5 and 7 o'clock, when the temperature down dropped from 7 above to flat zero. At midnight it was still colder and the thermometer at the Pawtucket dam registered 12 below at 2 a. m.

Reports from various sections of the city and suburban towns this morning brought temperatures ranging from 7 to 16 below. Seven below was recorded by the Locks and Canals at 6.45 o'clock. Chelmsford Centre found the mercury resting at 14 below at 7 a. m. North Chelmsford shivered at 12 below and Dracut gasped at 15. At 8 o'clock the thermometer in Merrimack square bravely tried to be cheerful while standing 5 degrees below the dead line.

The Lowell division of the Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Co. felt the effects of the excessively low temperature this morning when it attempted to move cars from the Middlesex street barns for early runs. Crews found that on several of the newer types of semi-convertibles, the air pipes underneath which care for the automobile air pressure system were frozen solid moisture gathering there. Before the trouble could be cleared up, early trips were lost on the Highlands, Broadway and North Billerica lines and one extra car on Moody street route was forced to abandon its trip.

DEATHS

EVECCI—Mrs. Louis Evecci, nee Elise Birol, aged 51 years, died this morning at her home, 6 Walnut court. She leaves four sons, Arthur, Louis, Paul and Fred.

MILLIKEN—Benjamin Milliken, aged 52 years, died yesterday at his home in Bangor, Me. The body was removed to the home of his sister, Mrs. Seymour White, in Dracut by Undertaker Joseph Albert. Deceased leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Milliken of Dracut; four sisters, Mrs. Kate Albert, Mrs. Edward White and Mrs. Jackson McGee; one of Dracut and Mrs. Leonard McGee of Black Bay, N. H.; four brothers, George of Fairfield, Fred of Bangor, Thomas and Jess of Dracut.

NO COAL FAMINE HERE

Mill Men, Coal Dealers and Railroad Men Optimistic as to Outlook

That the local mills, almost without exception, have on hand a supply of coal sufficient to last several weeks; that they do not anticipate being forced to curtail their activities through lack of fuel; and that Lowell will not be called upon to face a serious coal shortage this winter, is the consensus of opinion of several representative mill agents, coal dealers and railroad officials interviewed by The Sun today.

The ending of the coal miners' strike and the lifting of the ban by the fuel administrator are given as two of the reasons for the optimism displayed by the manufacturers and coal dealers. Should the miners continue to produce the "black diamonds" for the remainder of the season they see no reason for a serious shortage in Lowell or elsewhere.

The statements of the mill agents interviewed by The Sun follow:

Elmer L. Bowen, Appleton mills: "We have a supply of coal sufficient to last six weeks and do not anticipate any difficulty in getting more."

Jude C. Wadleigh, Merrimack Mfg. Co.: "I don't think we shall be called upon to curtail our production because of a fuel shortage. At present we have on hand enough coal to last 7 or 8 weeks."

M. A. Rawlinson, Tremont & Suffolk mills: "We are not worried over the coal situation and I don't anticipate any trouble in keeping the plant supplied. At present we have enough for 3 or 4 weeks."

E. W. Thomas, Boot mills: "We have enough coal to last for several weeks. The coal situation is most encouraging at present."

W. A. Mitchell, Massachusetts mills: "We have received three cars of coal in the past 5 or 6 weeks. That is all I care to say about the coal situation."

Frank W. Brown, local agent of the B. & M. railroad, also declared that the local fuel situation is most encouraging.

"We are getting practically all the coal we need since the ban has been lifted," Mr. Brown said. "There is no cause for Lowell people to worry over a coal shortage, in my opinion. We have released fully 70 cars which we were holding in case of emergency and more coal is coming in every day."

All of the local trains, which were taken off recently by order of the railroad administration, will be put back on again next Monday, Mr. Brown said, and there will also be extra trains to accommodate the holiday crowds.

So much for the soft coal situation. Relative to the anthracite product, which is used chiefly in local homes, the dealers are not worrying a bit over a possible shortage.

They say that a plentiful supply of this coal is on hand at present, and they expect no difficulty in securing enough to handle the needs of their customers. They do not anticipate any immediate rise in the price, they declared.

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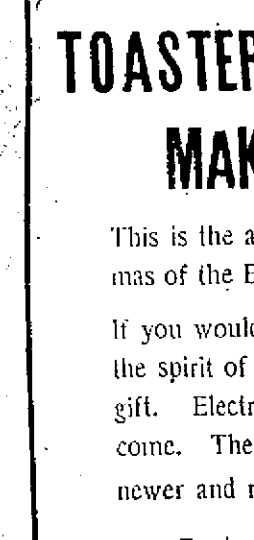

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RIGHT LEG FRACTURED

At 10.10 o'clock this morning the ambulance was called to the Averbawh Construction Co. in Broadway, where Nelson Brown, a resident of East Chelmsford and an employee of the company, had sustained a fracture of the right leg while at his work. The injured man was taken to St. John's hospital.



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MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE IS DISMISSED

Accused of manslaughter in connection with the death of Mary E. Phillips, 360 Westford street, who died last August shortly after being struck by an automobile, Charles E. Boyd of Hamilton was found not guilty and discharged when his case was called on for continuance in the municipal court here today.

According to the inquest report on the woman's death, submitted by Judge Pickman, Mrs. Phillips was struck by an auto driven by Boyd as she was crossing Westford street on the evening of July 29. She received a fractured leg and other minor injuries. Her death was not caused or contributed to by the criminal negligence of Boyd in the operation of his machine, the report states.

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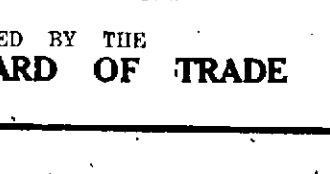
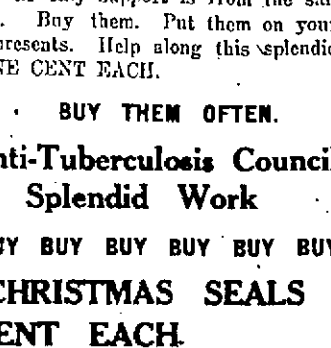
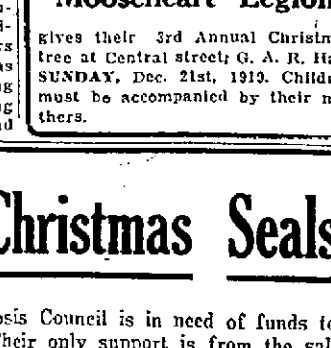
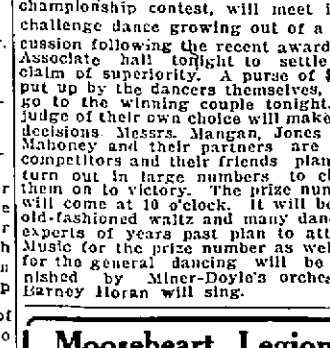
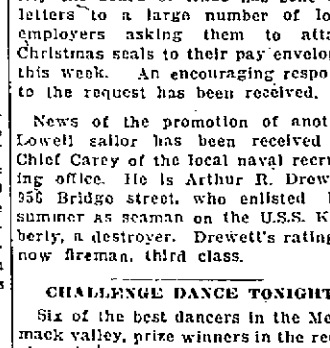
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THE WEATHER

Unsettled, probably snow
burries tonight and Friday;
slowly rising temperature.

THE LOWELL SUN

7
O'CLOCK

ESTABLISHED 1878

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PRICE TWO CENTS

BOSTON BANK CLOSES DOORS

Old South Trust Co. Or-
dered To Close by Com-
missioner Thorndike

Closing Followed a Run on
the Bank—Expected To
Liquidate in Full

BOSTON, Dec. 18.—The Old South
Trust Co., one of the smaller banks of
the city, closed its doors today under
orders from State Bank Commissioner
Augustus L. Thorndike. The closing
followed a run on the bank.

Failure of the bank to "make clear-
ing house connections" was said by the
bank commissioner to have precipitated
the run. The company's troubles, he
said, were due to the fact that it held
a lot of "slow paper" and had made
loans that were "not readily col-
lectible."

"I believe the bank will liquidate in
full and leave a substantial amount
over for stockholders," Bank Commis-
sioner Thorndike declared.

The Old South Trust Co., of which
John R. McVey is president and Ernest
L. Parsons acting treasurer, made its
last report to the bank commissioner
as of Nov. 17. On that date the report
of its banking department showed as-
sets of \$2,302,175, of which \$263,800 was
in stocks and bonds, \$338,436 in demand
loans, \$909,000 in time loans and \$63,552
in cash. Liabilities, included deposits
demand and time \$1,867,610; capital
stock \$200,000, surplus fund \$10,000 and
undivided profits \$45,803.

In the savings department deposits
aggregated \$1,555,977. Assets were
given as \$1,572,792, of which the principal
items were \$504,156, representing
loans on real estate, and \$554,217, loans
on personal security.

The city treasurer announced today
that he had withdrawn \$20,000 of the
city's general funds from the company
yesterday, but was unsuccessful in his
effort to obtain \$53,000 of sinking fund
money which was on deposit there.

The bank commissioner in a state-
ment said: "The bank which did the
clearing for the Old South Trust Co.
failed to continue to make the clear-
ings this made it necessary for the
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COLD FAILS TO KEEP PRESIDENT INDOORS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Intense cold
and an overcast sky did not prevent
President Wilson from spending his
usual half hour today on the south por-
tico of the White House. This was the
fourth anniversary of the wedding of
the president and Mrs. Wilson but no
celebration was arranged.

Mr. Wilson began work early and
was understood to be engaged on mat-
ters of importance, an announcement
concerning which was expected during
the day.

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Obtained By Men and
Women

BEGIN NEXT MONDAY NIGHT
NEW CLASS STARTING

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Highest Cash Prices Paid For Liberty Bonds

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This office established fourteen
years with two daily cashiers in
attendance every day.

Office: 202 Middlesex Building
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NOTICE TO OUR PATRONS

All Christmas orders for your
own satisfaction should be in early
this year. With assurance of prompt
delivery.

SULTANA ROLLS
HARLEQUIN ICE CREAM
FROZEN PUDDING
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ASK FOR SWAN-RUSSELL HATS

WORN BY WELL-DRESSED MEN

PRESENT DAY VALUES ON BUILDINGS

Machinery, stock, etc. have doubled
Have you increased your insurance
accordingly?

FRED. C. CHURCH
63 CENTRAL STREET

ALLEGED PICKPOCKETS

Two Men Arrested Here
Get Prison Sentences
and Appeal

Convicted of attempted larceny
from the person, Louis Gozzolo and
Abraham Levy, who described them-
selves as hailing from Boston and
Nashua, N. H., respectively, were
each sentenced to one year's impris-
onment by Judge Enright in the mu-
nicipal court today. They appealed
and were held in \$1000. Both are pro-
fessional pickpockets, according to
the police. Gozzolo has served time
in Sing Sing, the police allege, and
both have long and varied records
dating back several years.

According to the testimony of Lieut.
Petrie and Inspector Walsh, who ar-
rested the pair at the local railroad
station the night of Nov. 30, the two
visited the station early in the eve-
ning and waited until the 8:30 Boston-
bound train pulled in.

Levy walked just ahead of a man
and woman who were about to board
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BEST SKATING EVER AT SHEDD PARK

Skating of the best conceivable kind
is on tap at Shedd Park. In fact, the
ice is so smooth as to make knee blades
skates almost a necessity, as dull run-
ners will not cut into the surface suf-
ficiently to take the skater forward
with any fair degree of speed. The ex-
cessive cold last night put on the
finishing touches to the work of freez-
ing which went on Tuesday night dur-
ing the time the area was being flood-
ed. Only a few braved the north wind
last night, but school children flocked
to the park today between and after
school sessions.

The park department has hauled all
the wood from felled trees in the Bel-
videre section to the park and a man
from the department was on hand this
afternoon to lend a roaring bonfire.
It was a happy diversion and thawed
out many numb fingers and toes.

Within a day or two six large electric
arc lights will be placed on the poles
already in place around the skating
area, thus insuring sufficient illumina-
tion for night skating.

Not all of the park area is ice cov-
ered, owing to the inability of obtain-
ing all the water necessary, but the
surface is plenty large enough for the
enjoyment of hundreds. No attempt
will be made to flood it again this week
because of the chance that the tem-
perature might rise enough to spoil the
surface for week-end skaters. If it
continues cold next week, however, the
water will again be turned on for one
night.

Shedd park is the only perfectly safe
place for skating in the city. The riv-
er is frozen over to a thickness of
about two inches, but it is always treacherous
and should not be used for
skating until it is safe beyond ques-
tion. The small pond on the South
common is in excellent condition, but
not large enough to suit grownups.

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REPORT FRESH WAVE OF POGROMS

BERNE, Switzerland, Dec. 18.—Re-
ports of a fresh wave of pogroms in
the districts of the Ukraine occupied
by General Denikin's forces are
printed by the Lemberg newspaper
Gazeta Wslerowska, according to Lem-
burg advices today. The newspaper
declares that about 5000 Jews were
killed in Yekaterinoslav alone.

FOOT COMFORT

Is the foundation of
perfect contentment

If you have rela-
tive or friend whom
you wish to make
happy with a prac-
tical gift, buy a Xmas
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pair of

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The recipient can then be fitted
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TO ACCOMMODATE
CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS

This bank will be open Sat-
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18 Shattuck Street

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Won't build a \$10,000 building and
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Dancing Space for the
14th Annual Dance to be held at Asso-
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Music—Miner-Doyle's Jazz Orchestra.
Admission, 35c, including war tax.
Pay at door.

COLDEST DEC.

18 ON RECORD

New England Shivers—Be-
low Zero Temperatures

Registered All Over Section

Northfield, Vt., Coldest Place,
With Thermometer 22 Be-
low—Much Suffering

BOSTON, Dec. 18.—It was six degrees
below zero here today. The oldest in-
habitant shivered as he recalled cold
days of other years, but admitted he
knew of no colder Dec. 18. The
weather bureau with records running
back nearly half a century, reported
that it was the coldest Dec. 18 in its
annals, a reading of three above in 1876
being the previous low mark for this
date.

Elsewhere in New England the pinch
was more severe. The exposed weather
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FRANCE REMEMBERS OUR HEROIC DEAD

The relatives of all Lowell men
who gave up their lives in the world
war are entitled to a memorial diplo-
ma issued by the French government
and signed by President Poincare to
voice the gratitude of France for
the part which the lighters of the
United States played in the world
war, according to notification re-
ceived today by Sergt. E. A. MacLeod
at the local army recruiting station,
97 Central street.

The diplomas with the names of the
deceased already inscribed will be
mailed to the regular army recruiting
main station in Boston from the office
of the adjutant general of the army
and with the diplomas will come a
slip containing the address of the
nearest of kin of the deceased soldier
or sailor. Distribution here in Lowell
will be in charge of the local post of
the American Legion which will be
furnished with the diplomas through
the Boston recruiting office. It is ex-
pected that the diplomas will reach
Boston in February and those who
have had relatives who gave up
their lives in the world war are urged
to get in touch with the local post of
the American Legion so that arrange-
ments may be made for the proper
distribution.

BIG PACKERS TO DROP SIDE LINES

Negotiations Between Pack-
ers and Government Go-
ing On For Some Time

With Object of Compro-
mising the Anti-Trust

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Negotia-
tions between the meat packers and
the government, it became known to-
day, have been going on for some
time with the object of compromising
the anti-trust prosecution, which is
still in the stage of a grand jury
investigation.

It is understood that one of the
plans considered is the withdrawal of
the packers from side lines such as
the wholesale grocery business,
which various reports of the federal
trade commission have charged them
with seeking to dominate.

The grand jury proceedings, begun
in Chicago, were interrupted by de-
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FIRE SWEEPS BIG ARSENAL

Spectacular Blaze Follows
Explosion Near Dover,
N. J.—\$1,000,000 Loss

DOVER, N. J., Dec. 18.—Causes of the
spectacular fire which swept over part
of the Picatinny arsenal following an
explosion in the research laboratory
late last night were made the subject
of an official investigation by army
officers today.

The fire destroyed four buildings,
entailing a loss estimated as high as
\$1,000,000. The plant was said to be
deserted at the time, save for guards.

Private Oliver McCormick, of Akron,
Ohio, one of the men injured by the
explosion, died early today. Paul Green
of Boston and Ralph Luce and E. B.
Butler, whose addresses are not
known, are reported to be in a critical
condition. All men were quartered at
the marine barracks at the arsenal.

The explosion rocked buildings in
this town and was heard 40 miles away.
The work of fighting the fire was made
hazardous by exploding shells, and it
was several hours before the flames
were controlled.

TWO DIE IN BACK BAY FIRE

Blaze in Exclusive Apartment
Hotel in Boston Caused
Two Deaths—Others Flee

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the death of two persons and drove
nearly 50 others to the street early
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when he jumped from a third story
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by firemen.

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rence about 25 years ago, first having
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the Washington mills. He rose rapidly
and when the American Woolen Co.
was formed he was made consulting
engineer of the company. Besides his
wife, he leaves a son, Lawrence Whit-
ney of Pittsfield, Mass.

DEFICIT ON KRUPP BALANCE SHEET

ESSEN, Dec. 18.—For the first time
since the foundation of the Krupp Arms
industry, the balance sheet of the con-
cern this year shows a loss. The deficit
amounts to 36,000,000 marks, but it is
covered by a balance brought forward
and a special reserve of 20,000,000
marks.

The Krupp works are at present con-
structing locomotives, freight trucks,
agricultural machinery and moving
picture apparatus, instead of guns.

Why Not Own Yourself?
The lives of millions have been
cutted because they never reached
the point where they really owned
themselves.

If you are working today for the
money that you must pay out to-
morrow to settle the bills of yester-
day, you are not your own master.

You are owned by whoever has
bought your time, who pays you for
the use of your body and mind this
week, and has a first mortgage on
them for next week.

To save money is to pay off the
mortgage on yourself, and that
ought to be worth while.

Deposits Go On Interest
Monthly

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SAVINGS INSTITUTION
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DR. HILTON'S NO. 3
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rence about 25 years ago, first having
supervision of mechanical work in
the Washington mills. He rose rapidly
and when the American Woolen Co.
was formed he was made consulting
engineer of the company. Besides his
wife, he leaves a son, Lawrence Whit-
ney of Pittsfield, Mass.

DEFICIT ON KRUPP BALANCE SHEET

ESSEN, Dec. 18.—For the first time
since the foundation of the Krupp Arms
industry, the balance sheet of the con-
cern this year shows a loss. The deficit
amounts to 36,000,000 marks, but it is
covered by a balance brought forward
and a special reserve of 20,000,000
marks.

The Krupp works are at present con-
structing locomotives, freight trucks,
agricultural machinery and moving
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Why Not Own Yourself?

The lives of millions have been
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If you are working today for the
money that you must pay out to-
morrow to settle the bills of yester-
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the use of your body and mind this
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CONFERENCE FOR BETTER STREETS

Board of Trade Members
To Confer With City
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No Extra Demands on Char-
ity Department For Fuel—
City Hall News

An important conference of mem-
bers of the transportation commit-
tee of the Lowell board of trade and
members of the city government will
be held tomorrow afternoon at 4:30
in the mayor's reception room at
city hall. It is proposed to dis-
cuss several matters affecting Low-
ell's streets with regard to their de-
velopment for a number of years to
come and the committee is expected
to bring forward a plan of legisla-
tion which is intended to hasten
this development.

Charity Department Requests
The cold wave which struck Low-
ell this week has not yet resulted in
any unusual demands for fuel on the
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ANOTHER SETBACK FOR SUGAR LEGISLATION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Sugar
legislation received another setback
in the senate today when advocates
of the bill to extend federal sugar
control and licensing during 1920,
were unable, because of protracted
opposition debate, to bring to a vote
the house amendments broadening the
powers proposed for the United States
Sugar Equalization board.

PROF. PARKER DEAD

Was Widely Known Com-
poser of Music

CEDARHURST, N. Y., Dec. 18.—Horo-
tio William Parker, widely known mu-
sic composer and a professor of the
theory of music at Yale university
since 1894, died of pneumonia today, at
the home of his daughter, here.

Prof. Parker was born in Auburn, N. Y.,
Sept. 15, 1853. From 1893 to 1901
he was organist at Trinity church in
Boston. In 1911 he was awarded the
Metropolitan opera prize of \$10,000 for
his opera "Mona," and three years later
won a prize of \$10,000 offered by the
National Federation of Women's Clubs
for the best American opera. He com-
posed many other operas and musical
compositions. He held the degree of
doctor of music from Cambridge uni-
versity, England.

FUNERAL TODAY OF CAPT.
GEORGE E. WORTHEN

With his comrades of the Civil war,
veterans of the Spanish-American and
world wars and a large number of
mourning friends and relatives present
to pay final tribute to one of Lowell's
most gallant soldiers, Capt. George E.
Worthen, late superintendent of the
state aid office, was laid at rest this
afternoon in the Edison cemetery.

HARRY BAKER IN PRISON

"Baby Doll" To Start Legal Effort—Baker Tells How He Killed Chapman

WORCESTER, Dec. 18.—Harry Baker, who was sentenced in superior court Tuesday by Judge Sisk to life imprisonment on a plea of guilty of the second degree murder of Dwight P. Chapman in Westboro, June 3, was taken to the state prison on the 1.30 train yesterday by Deputy Sheriff George H. Baker.

Baker was accompanied by Mrs. Mary Pike of Worcester, who has become interested in him and his companion, Eleanor Reise, who insists on being called Mrs. Baker, since their detention in Worcester county jail.

Baker and Eleanor were permitted to pass a short time together in the guard room before he was taken away. He declared she would start immediately a legal effort to secure a divorce from her lawful husband, Robert Reise of Waukegan, Ill. If successful she declares she will become Baker's legal wife, with a marriage ceremony in state prison, after she has finished her sentence of a year in the Worcester house of correction, as an accessory after the fact in Chapman's murder. She says she will live in Worcester, as arrangements to that end have already been made by new friends.

Before leaving Worcester Baker told in detail how he happened to kill Chapman. He said he and "Mrs. Baker" met in Waukegan, Mich., at a little hotel where they were employed, he as a clerk and she as a waitress. They went through a marriage ceremony in Waukegan, Ill., April 9, 1917, where three years before she had married Reise, from whom she was never divorced.

"We heard Massachusetts institutions paid better than any others and decided to come here," Baker said. "We came to Boston from a boys' reformatory at Jamestown, N. J. Westboro was the first place we struck for. A position at the Lyman School would not be open until about the middle of July and we thought we would wait for it."

"We were referred to Chapman's. Chapman offered Eleanor a chance to keep house for him, said he would pay her wages, and we could both live there."

"One of Chapman's peculiarities was his extreme profanity, but we overlooked that. One night he grabbed a Bible from the table, threw it on to the floor and, stamping on it, declared it was nothing but scrap of paper."

"The day after the Bible incident, he went into the house while I was cleaning a room upstairs and put his arms around Eleanor in a very objectionable manner. She told me of this when I came downstairs, but I kind of passed it off, telling her he probably did not mean anything, and that he was an old man. But, nevertheless, it disturbed me and her, too."

"She told me then that she did not want to be left alone with him and, had there been any other place to go to in town, I should have moved there. The next day was Sunday—the day before the murder."

"That day, while I was in the wash-room, and she was in the living-room, he again offered her an atrocious insult, and this time a minute before I appeared in the room, I saw at once something was the matter, and she told me what it was."

"He was just leaving the room and I grabbed him by the arm and swung him around and asked him what he meant. He swore terribly and told me he would say what he pleased in his own house. I lost my temper and struck him in the face. He raised his hand to strike me back, but I warned him not to, and he left the house and went into his sleeping room in the shed."

"That night Eleanor was very ill. Shortly after 4 o'clock I got up and said I would go out to the shed and see if 'Dad,' as we had come to call him, had anything which would warm her up."

"When I got to the shed, the door was open and I went in."

"Chapman was just getting out of bed when I stepped into the room."

"I said, 'Dad, have you any peppermint or some liquor I can give Eleanor? She is awful sick.' There and then, sitting undressed on the edge of the bed, he repeated to me the insult he had offered to her the night before."

"That started me and I struck him full in the face. I lost all control of myself. He rolled over on the bed and

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locked the door so that if he became conscious he could not get out so easily and we might have a chance to get away."

"I battered up the safe with an old hammer. I hardly knew what I was doing. I hammered the combination off and also the handle and took off the hinges, but could not get into it. I discovered a little speck of rust on the top of the safe and dug it out with the screw driver and I got way down to the concrete partition of the safe, but I could not get through that."

"Finally I became terribly frightened for fear he would appear and I told Eleanor to get busy and pack up the trunks and we would get out, and I went in the station to find some one to move them."

"We missed the first train, but got one about 8 o'clock and went to Boston."

Baker then described their trip to Maine and wandering there up to the time of their arrest in Bangor.

TEACHERS HONORED BY COLLEAGUES

One of the most enjoyable social affairs held in local school circles in many years was that which took place after the regular afternoon session yesterday when the teachers of the schools comprising the Varnum district, the Tenth street and the West Sixth street primary schools and the Varnum kindergarten and Varnum grammar school, gathered in the Varnum school building to honor two of their members who are receiving their associations after long terms of service in that district. The honored teachers were Miss Julia Williams and Henry H. Harris.

Miss Williams has for 33 years been a teacher in the Lowell schools and

hundreds of people have grown to know and respect her for the devoted service she gave them while they were her pupils. She is to close her term of service at the Varnum school with the Christmas holidays and her colleagues yesterday took occasion to testify their appreciation by presenting her a gold pin set with pearls and topaz.

Mr. Harris, who, for nearly 25 years has been principal of the Varnum school and who was recently elected headmaster of the high school, was presented a seal traveling basket and a case of toilet articles.

Both recipients responded fittingly and later an enjoyable collation was served.

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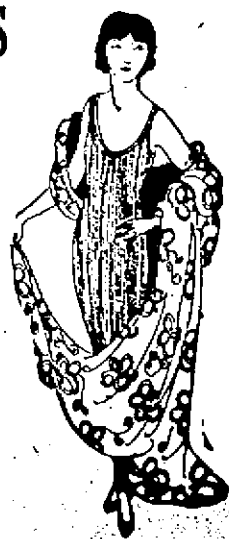
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SUPERIOR COURT
The case of Pinkham vs. Jones, action of tort, which was started in the civil session of the superior court yesterday, was resumed before Justice King this morning. It is expected the case will not be given to the jury until tomorrow morning.

WOMEN'S VESTS and PANTS—Medium weight, ribbed cotton
Priced 79¢, 89¢, \$1.00 and \$1.25



Theodore Roosevelt's Letters to His Children

Edited by Joseph Bucklin Bishop

In the fall of 1905, the senate had been won to President Roosevelt's plan for the regulation of railroad rates. He delivered a message in which several reforms were vigorously urged. The abolition of child labor was being advocated by the president at this time. "This government stands for manhood first," he declared, "and for business only as an adjunct of manhood."—The Editor.

Incidents of a Southern Trip
White House, Nov. 1, 1905.

Dear Kermit:

I had a great time in the south, and it was very nice indeed having Mr. John McHenry and Mr. John Greenway with me. Of course I enjoyed most the three days when mother was there. But I was so well received and had so many things to say which I was really glad to say, that the whole trip was a success. When I left New Orleans on the little lighthouse tender to go down to the gulf where the big war ship was waiting for me, we had a collision. I was standing up at the time and the shock pitched me forward so that I dove right through the window, taking the glass all out except a jagged rim round the very edge. But I went through so quickly that I received only some minute scratches on my face and hands which, however, bled pretty freely. I was very glad to come up the coast on the squadron of great armored cruisers.

In the gulf the weather was hot and calm, but soon after rounding Florida and heading northward we ran into a gale. Admiral Brownson is a regular little gamecock and he drove the vessels to their limit. It was great fun to see the huge warcraft pounding steadily into the gale and forging onward through the billows. Some of the waves were so high that the water came green over the flying bridge forward, and some of the officers were thrown down and badly bruised. One of the other ships lost a man overboard, and although we hunted for him an hour and a half we could not get him, and had a boat smashed in the endeavor.

When I got back here I found sister, very interesting about her eastern trip. She has had a great time, and what is more, she has behaved mighty well under rather trying circumstances. Ethel was a dear, as always, and the two little boys were as cunning as possible. Sister had brought them some very small Japanese fencing armor, which they had of course put on with glee, and were clumsily fencing with wooden two-handed swords. And they had also rigged up in the dark nursery a grewsome man with a pumpkin head, which I was ushered in to see, and

In addition to the regular eyes, nose, and sawtooth mouth, Archie had carved in the back of the pumpkin the words "Pumpkin Giant," the candle inside illuminating it beautifully. Mother was waiting for me at the navy yard, looking too pretty for anything, when I arrived. She and I had a ride this afternoon. Of course I am up to my ears in work.

The mornings are lovely now, crisp and fresh; and after breakfast mother and I walk around the grounds accompanied by Skip, and also by Slipper, her little thinking loudly. The gardens are pretty dishevelled now, but the flowers that are left are still lovely; even yet some honeysuckle is blooming on the porch.

Poets and Princes
White House, Nov. 6, 1905.

Dear Kermit:

Just a line, for I really have nothing to say this week. I have caught up with my work. One day we had a rather forlorn little poet and his nice wife in at lunch. They made me feel quite badly by being so grateful at my having mentioned him in what I fear was a patronizing and indeed, almost supercilious way, as having written an occasional good poem. I am much struck by Robinson's two poems which you sent mother. What a queer, mystical creature he is! I did not understand one of them—that about the gardens—and I do not know that I like either of them quite as much as some of those in "The Children of the Night." But he certainly has got the real spirit of poetry in him. Whether he can make it come out I am not quite sure.

Prince Louis of Battenberg has been here and I have been very much pleased with him. He is a really good admiral, and in addition he is a well-read and cultivated man and it was charming to talk with him. We had him and his nephew, Prince Alexander, a midshipman, to lunch alone with us, and we really enjoyed having them. At the state dinner he sat between me and Bonaparte, and I could not help smiling to myself in thinking that here was this British admiral seated beside the American secretary of the navy before the grandnephew of Napoleon and the grandson of Jerome, king of Westphalia; while the British admiral was the grandson of a Hessian general who was the subject of King Jerome and served under Napoleon, and then, by no means creditably, deserted him.

Today is Quentin's birthday and he loved his gifts, perhaps most of all the weeest, cunningest live pig you ever saw, presented him by Straus. Phil Stewart an dhis wife and boy, Wolcott (who is Archie's age), spent a couple of nights here. One afternoon we had hide-and-go-seek, bringing down Mr. Garfield and the Garfield boys, and Archie turning up with the entire football team, who took a day off for the special purpose. We had obstacle races, hide-and-go-seek, blind-man's buff, and everything else; and there were times when I felt that there was a perfect shoal of small boys bursting in every direction up and down stairs, and through and over every conceivable object.

Mother and I still walk around the grounds every day after breakfast. The gardens, of course, are very, very dishevelled now, the snapdragons holding out better than any other flowers.

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(Basket style with mirror at bottom)
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Safety Pin Holders.....59c
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Ribbon Dept.—Street Floor

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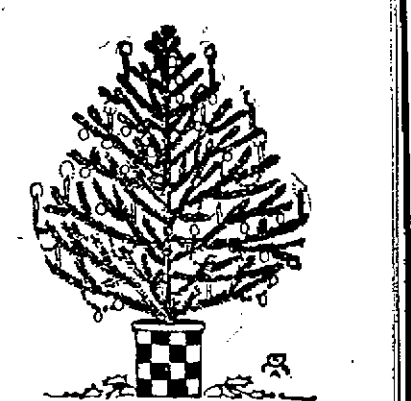
Not a Sale, but a reminder—Here's goods that was purchased last Spring just arriving—what does that mean to you? It means that you're getting this Winter's heavy underwear at last Spring's prices.

- Women's Union Suits, \$1.50
Fleece lined, extra heavy, high neck, long sleeves, ankle length.
- Women's Union Suits, \$1.00
Medium weight, high neck, long sleeves, ankle length. Worth \$1.25.
- Women's Bloomers, \$1.00—Jersey ribbed, flesh color.
- Women's Union Suits, \$3.50
Silk and wool, high neck, long sleeves, ankle length.
- Women's Pants, \$2.00—Plain wool, white and gray.
- Women's Vests and Pants, \$1.75—3-4 wool, jersey ribbed.
- Women's Vests and Pants, \$2.00—Silk and wool.
- Women's Jersey Tights, \$2.00—Black, wool, open or closed, ankle length, regular and extra sizes.
- Women's Jersey Corset Covers, 75c—High neck, long sleeves.
- Women's Jersey Knit Skirts, 60c to \$2.25—White and gray with colored borders.
- Children's Union Suits, \$1.00—Fleece lined, high neck, long sleeves, ankle length.
- Children's Union Suits, \$1.25 to \$1.75—Medium weight, high neck or Dutch neck, long sleeves, ankle length.
- Children's Union Suits, \$2.25 and \$2.50—Jersey ribbed, cotton and wool.
- Children's Union Suits, \$2.50 and \$3.00—3-4 wool.
- Children's Union Suits, \$2.50 and \$3.50—Silk and wool.
- Children's Waist Suits, \$1.00 and \$1.15—High neck and long sleeves.
- Boys' Shirts and Drawers, 60c and \$1.00—Fleece lined, gray.
- Boys' Union Suits, \$1.15 and \$1.25—Fleece lined and balbriggan, fleece lined.



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Men's Furnishing Dept.
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MAY REVOLUTIONIZE MOVING PICTURES

NEW YORK, Dec. 18—A concave motion picture screen that may revolutionize the movies was tried out at a local theatre this morning. It is said to give an effect of a third dimension—an appearance of thickness or depth—that relieves eye strain. A group of scientists witnessed the experiment. Dr. Louis Peck, head of the faculty of medicine at the University of Montpelier, France, the inventor, supervised the exhibition. Dr. Peck ascribes the relief from eye strain to his belief that the eye functions normally when it sees things of three dimensions, even if the appearance of the third dimension is an illusion.

INCREASE EVENING SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Henry H. Harris, headmaster of the day and evening high schools, plans an active campaign to increase the attendance at the evening school at

ter the Christmas holidays. He stated last evening that he would make a special effort to induce more young men and women to take advantage of the various evening classes at which high school subjects are taught. He pointed out that the teaching staff is practically the same as that in the day high school and that there is no expense incurred on the part of the student. At the present time there are 1300 students registered and Mr. Harris hopes to increase this number materially in the next few weeks.

PROPERTY LEVY BILL

HERIEN, Wednesday, Dec. 17.—The property levy bill, one of the three major taxation measures brought forward by Mathias Erzberger, minister of finance, passed third reading in the national assembly today.

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TO COMMEMORATE WORK OF AMERICANS

PARIS, Wednesday, Dec. 17.—Montfaucon hill, in the Argonne, on which are hundreds of graves of American soldiers who fell in battle in September and October, 1918, may be made a historical monument by the French government. It is expected that the ruins of the village of Montfaucon which surround the top of the hill, will be left in their present condition to further commemorate the work of the Americans during the great struggle.

SLIGHT ATTACK OF WANDERLUST

"I just wanted to see the world, you know," was the only explanation vouchsafed by 16-year-old Lezansky when he was brought back to his home, 31 South street last evening, after his parents had worried all day over his mysterious disappearance.

John left home early in the morning, and was apprehended by one of Boston's "new" policemen at the North station late in the afternoon. He says he won't do it again.

NAMED AUXILIARY BISHOP OF HARTFORD

ROME, Wednesday, Dec. 17.—The Rev. John G. Murray, chancellor and secretary of the diocese of Hartford, Conn., has been appointed auxiliary bishop of Hartford, and titular bishop of Flavia. This appointment will be announced at a public consistory to be held tomorrow.

CONFISCATED

Liquor Valued at \$8000 Seized From Ship

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 18.—Liquor valued at \$8000, seized on board the Western Union cable ship, Robert C. Clewry, has been ordered confiscated. The ship was released on payment of a fine of \$100.

REHABILITATION WORK IN FRANCE

PARIS, Wednesday, Dec. 17.—Rehabilitation work in northern France is being continued by the Smith college unit of the Red Cross, which has taken up headquarters at Greycourt. Mrs. George B. Ford of New York city, who has been in charge of the women personnel of the American Red Cross in Europe for the past two years, has gone to join the college girls.

GIFTS FOR AMERICAN SOLDIERS OVERSEAS

PARIS, Wednesday, Dec. 17.—American officers and enlisted men who will spend Yuletide in Paris will be the guests of the American Red Cross. An old fashioned party will be held on Christmas afternoon. Santa Claus presiding at a huge Christmas tree to distribute gifts and packages from America.

"ECONOMY SALE"

We have secured from the Whitall Mfg. Company some short lengths of warm Flannelette, Batiste, Crepe and Nainsook, and offer same at LESS than today's wholesale price.

36 inch Fancy Stripe Flannelette, 3 to 5 yd. pieces, yd. 25c
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29 inch Plisse Crepe, 5 yd. pieces, yd. 25c
40 inch Blue Batiste, 5 yd. pieces, yd. 20c

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DROP OF \$736,824 IN LIQUOR REVENUE

BOSTON, Dec. 18.—The total revenue from liquor licenses in Boston during the year from Dec. 1, 1918, to Dec. 1, 1919, was \$736,824.23 less than the previous year, according to the 14th annual report of the licensing board of the city of Boston, which was forwarded to Gov. Coolidge last night.

The report refers to the serious effects federal legislation has had on the liquor trade, and says:

"There is little cause for criticism of the liquor dealers for their conduct during the year. As a whole, they have met the hard problem of being driven from business by federal legislation without bitterness and with praiseworthy obedience to law."

The report shows that between July 1, 1919, and Nov. 30, 1919, licenses were surrendered and that the number of places in operation on Nov. 30 was 702.

The total revenue during the year ending Dec. 1 for liquor licenses of all classes, less refunds, was \$629,669.03, of which 25 per cent is paid to the commonwealth.

The total revenue from all other licenses issued by the board together with miscellaneous receipts during the same period, was \$28,540.64.

The expenses of the board for the year, Dec. 1, 1918, to Dec. 1, 1919, amounted to \$37,256.62.

In the section of its report referring to lodging houses the board says:

"Under the 'true name bill' lodging houses are required to take out licenses where rooms are let to five or more lodgers, and 4476 such licenses have been issued during the year. Lodging house licenses are issued without any license fee, since the act makes no provision therefor. The board recommends that for each license a fee of \$2 be charged."

"This sum could easily be paid by each licensee and would reimburse the city or town for the expense of issuing the licenses, and would, we believe, direct the attention of the lodging house keeper more particularly to the importance of knowing and obeying the law."

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Five floors devoted to the sale of Christmas Gifts. Gifts for the whole family and wonderful toys for the children. Santa Claus is here every day from 10 to 12 in the morning and from 2 to 5 in the afternoon. Bring the children in and let them tell Santa what they want for Christmas. Remember there are only five more shopping days until Christmas. For the convenience of our customers we will be open until nine o'clock every night next week until Christmas. The store is ready both with service and merchandise—to make this a happy and long to be remembered Christmas.



Gift Petticoats

Petticoats of messaline, Jersey and Taffeta, in all the suit and dress colorings, including black.....\$5.98 to \$12.50
Also in the Same Department

You Will Find—

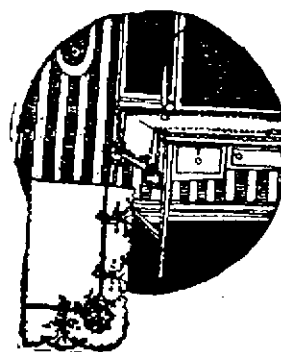
Bondoir Caps of satin, crepe de chine, net and lace, prettily trimmed with ribbons and rosebuds.....50c to \$5.00
Dressing Sacques of dotted muslin, Empire or straight line effects, ribbon and lace trimmed.....\$2.49
Corduroy Robes, with or without linings, in copen, wisteria and American Beauty shades.....\$8.50 to \$18.98

Gift Undermuslins

You will wonder when you see these dainty garments of such artful fashioning and dainty appeal how we can possibly offer them so reasonably.

Camisoles of wash satin and crepe de chine, lace and insertion trimmed, also plain tailored models. Regulation shoulder or strap models, white or flesh.....\$1.50
Camisoles, many other dainty styles to choose from. Priced 98c to \$4.98
Satin and Crepe de Chine Gowns, Chemise, Bloomers, Billie Burkes and Novelties at Popular Prices.
Beautiful assortment of new Philippine Chemise and Gowns, plain with scalloped edge or more elaborate styles with real filet and embroidery. Priced.....\$2.98 to \$10.50

Fancy Linen Gifts



\$3.50 Centre Pieces, filet designs, with 36 inches round.....\$2.98
\$3.50 Centre Pieces, lace trimmed, filet designs, 45 inches round.....\$2.98
\$1.25 Centre Pieces, lace trimmed, neat designs, 18 inches round.....\$1.00
\$1.75 Lace Trimmed Centre Pieces with insertion, filet designs, 24 inches round.....\$1.59
\$2.00 One-Piece Shams, trimmed with heavy lace, full sizes, each.....\$1.59
All Linen Hand Made Madeira Dollies, 10 inches round, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.39
Scarfs with Bluebird Pattern and Lunch Cloth to match.

All prices—
54 Inch Lunch Cloths.....\$3.98
63 Inch Lunch Cloths.....\$4.98
72 Inch Lunch Cloths.....\$5.75
18x54 Inch Scarfs.....\$1.59

Christmas Offerings

From the Furniture and Rug Department

Royal Easy Chairs, the most comfortable and most durable easy chair made. Just push the button and the back reclines. These chairs are all guaranteed, finished in mahogany, golden oak, and fumed oak. Three styles—\$28.50, \$33.50, \$38.50
Reed Rockers and Chairs, upholstered with cretonne covering.....\$16.50 to \$23.50
Mahogany and Oak Pedestals, various styles, \$4.49 to \$10.50
Mahogany Tea Wagons, heavy rubber tired wheels with detachable glass tray.....\$23.50
Smoker Stands in fumed oak, mahogany and brass. A very useful gift at the following prices—\$4.98, \$5.98, \$6.98, \$9.98, \$11.50 and \$12.98
Folding Card Tables, 30 inch leatherette top.....\$2.98
Heavy Brass Beds, solidly built pattern.....\$24.50
Silk Floss Mattress, guaranteed 1007 floss, covered with best quality art ticking; an appreciated gift.....\$21.50
Klearflax Mats for any room in the house. The most practical mat woven, in plain colors, blue, brown, rose, gray and green—
27x54 inch.....\$5.00
30x60 inch.....\$6.50
36x72 inch.....\$8.50

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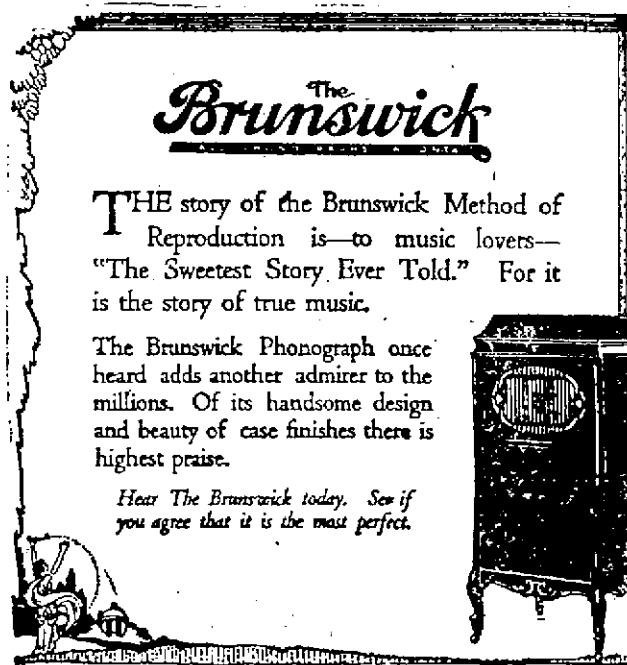


Merchandise Bonds



The life of a merchandise bond is a short one. Hardly ever does it stay in existence more than one short year. But while on this earth it makes people happy. The Christmas season is its happiest time. For the giver it affords happiness because it settles the gift problem. For the givee it is a source of great pleasure.

Merchandise Bonds are sold at our Information Desk on the Street Floor and in the Main Office on the Fifth Floor. They have no time limit and are good for the value written on the face. These bonds may be purchased for any amount and the recipient may exchange them for merchandise in like amount anywhere in the store.



\$10.00 Will Purchase These Beautiful Selections for Christmas—Fifteen Selections.

18541—"The Royal Vagabond," by Joseph C. Smith's Orchestra.....\$5c
17677—"The Original Fox Trot," Van Epps, Trio; "That Moonlight," Saxophone Rag; Six Brown Brothers.....\$5c
25351—"War Songs" and "Sea Songs," by Victor Chorus.....\$1.25
18438—"National Emblem March," by U. S. Marine Band and "Lights Out," by Pryor's Band.....\$5c
18544—"Wait and See," by Henry Burr and "Tears of Love," sung by Charles Hart, \$5c
74550—"Angels Ever Bright and Fair," by Alma Gluck.....\$1.50
74425—"I'll Take You Home Again, Kathleen," solo by Clarence Whitall.....\$1.50
60143—"It's Nice to Get Up in the Morning," by Harry Lauder.....75c
74150—"Humoresque," by Fritz Kreisler.....\$1.50

Gift Slippers



Women's Indian Moccasins, many pretty colors to select from. Some are beaded with gay colored Indian beads, \$1.49 to \$2.50
Women's Felt Comfy Slippers, colors are grey, wine, brown, navy and blue. Good range of sizes to select from.....\$2.00
Women's Felt Slippers, in gray and dark colors with felt soles.....79c
Daniel Green Comfy Slippers for Women. All colors and sizes to be found in our complete stock. We would suggest that you buy now while there are plenty of sizes to select from.....\$2.50 to \$2.75
Women's Felt Juliettes, with leather soles and heels, all colors.....\$1.49
Women's Felt Juliettes, with leather soles and heels, fur trimmed, in colors—black, red, wine and gray.....\$1.85
Men's Slippers, felt comfy, soft leather soles, dark grey felt top. All sizes, 6 to 11.....\$1.98
Men's Moccasins, tan elk leather with leather soles, best made. All sizes 6 to 11.....\$4.00
Men's Moccasins light and dark kid leather with beads and pictures, all sizes 6 to 10.....\$2.00
Men's Slippers, brown and black kid, hand made. Romeo and low cut styles, all sizes.....\$5.00



Gift Dresses

Infants' White Dresses, pretty new models, long and short styles. Priced \$1.98 to \$4.98

Girls' White Dresses, sizes 6 to 14 years, pretty snow white frocks developed in lawn, organdie, or net, \$4.98 to \$17.98

Girls' Tub Dresses, sizes 6 to 14 years. These dresses make excellent and useful gifts. Fashioned of plaid, checked, or striped gingham. Also some models of plain chambray with collars embroidered in contrasting colors, 2.98 to \$5.98



ALSO IN THE SAME DEPARTMENT

Infants' Soft Sole Shoes and Moccasins and Novelty Booties. Priced.....85c to \$1.49
Infants' White Sweaters, blue or pink trimmed, made of pure worsted.....\$2.49 to \$3.98

Drapery Gifts

In our Drapery Department you will find numerous practical gifts that will please the home lover. For instance, here are just a few—

Ruffled Organdie Muslin Curtains with tie-back complete, 2½ yards long, pair.....\$2.25
Bordered Serim Sash Curtains, 1½ yards long, pair.....35c
Sheer White Serim Curtains, Dutch style, with a neat lace edge, all hemmed, ready to hang, pair.....\$1.39
Window Shades, slightly damaged, all colors.....55c
Dutch Serim Curtains, with rose color design, all hemmed, ready to hang, pair.....98c
Pillows for Christmas.....98c to \$8.00
Matting Boxes and Cedar Chests.....\$16.50 to \$22.50

Ye Store News

Bring your Thrift Club Checks to our store. We will gladly accept them in payment for merchandise or will cash them upon identification.

Only five days more! Better hurry up! Don't know what to give? Why not settle the difficulty by giving one of our merchandise bonds.

Call Lowell 5000, the store of absolute satisfaction.

Check your bundles at our Information Desk on the street floor. Bundles do not necessarily have to be purchases made in our store. We are glad to accommodate our customers by checking any of their parcels. No charge whatsoever.



Christmas Offerings

FROM THE BOYS' SHOP

This is the last Saturday before the joyful feast of Christmas. Don't forget your little son. He will want a practical gift as well as a rifle or a set of erectors. Why not give him one of the following:

Boys' Wool Suits, in fancy chevrons, corduroy or blue serge, \$6.50 to \$17.00
Boys' Oliver Twist White Satin Poplin Blouses with velvet or fine corduroy pants, sizes 2½ to 7.....\$9.75
Boys' Wool Ulsters, Long Overcoats, Mackinaws and Sheepskin Coats, sizes from 9 to 18 years.....\$9.50 to \$16.50
Bathrobes for boys, age 4 to 18 years.....\$3.95 to \$6.75
Boys' Rubber Coats.....\$3.75 to \$6.60
Boys' Rubber Caps.....95c
Boys' Overcoats, sizes 2½ to 10, all colors and makes, warm woolens with plaid lining.....\$5.75 to \$12.00
Junior Hats, chevrons and velvet and plush.....\$1.50 to \$4.25
Boys' Two Pant Suits, fancy brown, grey and green mixtures, \$8.50 to \$15.95
Boys' Suits, junior styles—wash suits for house and school wear and woolen suits for the street. Sailor, suits, Middies, Russian suits and norfolk styles. Fancy chevrons, cassimeres, velvet, corduroy and serge. Sizes 2½ to 10.....\$2.45 to \$9.95

Store Open Evenings All Next Week.
Hours—9 A. M. to 9 P. M.



BLISS NATIVE HERB TABLETS

TO-NIGHT AT BEDTIME

If you feel out-of-sorts, run-down or "all in" from over exertion, or if you are constipated, or your liver is out of order, take Bliss' NATIVE HERB TABLETS. In severe cases of headache or rheumatism pains two tablets may be taken. You will get up next morning feeling very much better. Bliss' Native Herb Tablets act gently but effectively on the kidney, liver, and bowels. The dollar box contains 30 tablets and usually lasts six months. Get the genuine, and look for the trade mark and money back guarantee on each box. Two sizes, 50c and \$1.00. Sold by leading druggists and local agents everywhere. Made by Alonzo O. Bliss Co., Washington, D. C.

TRY COBURN'S

FOR CHRISTMAS CANDLES

Tree candles, box of 24 (assorted colors).....20¢
Tree candles, box of 36 (assorted colors).....20¢

These are spiral shaped candles.
(See Window)

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FARMERS' INSTITUTE

Fruits and Fruit Culture Discussed at Meeting Held in Local Church

Fruit varieties and culture were under discussion for the greater part of the session of the Farmers' Institute held yesterday at the Palgo Street Baptist church and because the meeting took on the form of a forum and consisted of a long and varied program of questions, answers and helpful criticism it was particularly helpful. The principal speaker was Martin King, Jr., of Danville, N. Y., head of the King Brothers' nurseries. His subject was "Fruit Varieties and Growing a Nursery Stock in New York State."

An interesting phase of the discussion was the selection of the six best or most valuable varieties of apples, peaches, pears, cherries and plums for this vicinity of New England, taking into consideration the way of marketing and profitable growing. The varieties which finally landed in the honor lists were selected only after long discussion and argument, as practically every fruit lover present had his own favorite to advance.

The apples chosen were named in the following order: Mackintosh, Red, Duchess, Gravenstein, Baldwin, Williams and Red Astrachan. Pears were classified as follows: Bartlett, Bosc, Seckel, Sheldon, Anjou and Clapp's Favorite. Peach choices favored Elberta, Carmen, Belle of Georgia, Hale, Champion and Greenboro. In that order, while the plum list was Burbank, Bradshaw, Shropshire, Damson, Abundance, Lombard and York State Prune. The cherry selection did not bring forth so many varieties, but a preference list was expressed as follows: Tartarian, Black Eagle, Montmorency, Morello, Windsor and Smith.

The meeting was practically unanimous in proclaiming the Mackintosh Red the main marketing apple for Middlesex county. The Baldwin's solid reputation was not attacked, but the Red seems to have the call. It was agreed that New England and Middlesex county have wonderful opportunities for apple growing and furthermore, that the present grade of fruit runs very high.

Mr. King spoke in the hope that he might present the fundamentals of

nursery work in a practical way. He said that almost any soil in New York state or New England, well drained, is admirably suited for small fruits. Pears do best in heavy clay soil, he said; cherries in rich dry soil, plums in fairly strong ground, quinces in a comparatively moist location and apples in heavy rich soils. Climate also is important and long cold winters tend to give young stock strength, firmness and hardiness, but elevations must be avoided, where excessive cold would probably kill young stock. Continuing, he said in part:

"About 30 years ago it was a common practice for American nurserymen to raise their own seedlings from the seed. A large proportion of apples is still raised here from the seed, but of late years millions of seedlings have been imported from France. We found that it was cheaper to pay the price asked by the Frenchmen, and the transportation charges and the duty on the stock, than to raise them in this country. Consequently the growers of pear, plum and cherry seedlings went out of business, only a few apple seedling growers keeping at it in the west, notably Kansas. Since the summer of 1918 French grown seedlings have advanced 10 times the price at which they were bought before the war.

"Cherry seedlings that for 20 years back sold around \$4.50 per 1000 are now \$45 per 1000, with cost of boxing, transportation and duty to be added. All other kinds of seedlings in France have gone up in price in proportion. So the American nurseryman this spring must pay for the seedling he buys delivered in this country about the same price that he has been charging the orchardist for two-year-old budded trees. It will be impossible to obtain American grown seedlings to take the place of the French product for the coming spring planting and likewise impossible this year to get the seeds from northern France and Italy where they are collected by the peasants, so we cannot make a start here in America to have seedlings in any great quantity even for the spring of 1921.

"The result to the fruit tree buyer will be very, very high prices for fruit trees during the next five years."

AMUSEMENT NOTES

Below is what the press agents of the different theatres say of the current attractions and of others to come:

B. F. Keith's Theatre.

Those who see the Four Marx Brothers at the B. F. Keith theatre, this week, will see a combination of players which quite conquered the lovers of

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Make it a Practical Christmas choose gifts that give enduring satisfaction, that linger long in the minds of the man, woman or boy who receives them. Fine wearing apparel, this year more than ever, should command the consideration of those who seek practical, sensible gifts. The Merrimack label means quality and excellence to the men and women of Lowell. It's a tribute to your judgment when the gift comes from the Merrimack Clothing Company.

Gifts for Men

MEN'S OVERCOATS.....	\$25 to \$50
MEN'S SUITS.....	\$25 to \$50
MEN'S RAINCOATS.....	\$10 to \$45
MEN'S PANTS.....	\$4 to \$10
MEN'S FANCY VESTS.....	\$3 and \$4
MEN'S BATH ROBES.....	\$5 to \$15
MEN'S HOUSE COATS.....	\$5 to \$10
MEN'S HATS.....	\$3 to \$10
MEN'S CAPS.....	\$1.50 to \$3
MEN'S UMBRELLAS.....	\$3 to \$5
MEN'S GLOVES.....	50c to \$8
MEN'S SHIRTS.....	\$2 to \$12
MEN'S NECKWEAR.....	65c to \$3
MEN'S STOCKINGS.....	27c to \$1.50
MEN'S UNDERWEAR.....	\$1 to \$7
MEN'S SWEATERS.....	\$3.95 to \$15
MEN'S BEACH JACKETS.....	\$5
MEN'S CUFF LINKS.....	50c to \$5
MEN'S SCARF PINS.....	50c to \$5
MEN'S MUFFLERS.....	\$1.50 to \$5
MEN'S SUSPENDERS.....	50c to 65c
MEN'S HANDKERCHIEFS.....	15c to \$1
MEN'S PAJAMAS.....	\$2 to \$5
MEN'S NIGHT SHIRTS.....	\$1.50 and \$2

Gifts for Women

LADIES' SUITS.....	\$30 to \$60
LADIES' COATS.....	\$30 to \$65
LADIES' FUR COATS.....	\$195 to \$295
LADIES' WAISTS.....	\$2.98 to \$12.98
LADIES' SWEATERS.....	\$5 to \$10
LADIES' PETTICOATS.....	\$3.95 to \$6.95
LADIES' SKIRTS.....	\$5 to \$29.75
LADIES' RAINCOATS.....	\$10 to \$25
LADIES' DRESSES.....	\$15 to \$65
LADIES' BATH ROBES.....	\$3.95 to \$10
LADIES' FUR PIECES.....	\$10 to \$65
LADIES' HANDKERCHIEFS, Box	\$1.50 to \$3

Ladies' Silk Stockings
For Christmas
Pure Thread Silk Faced
98c to \$2.60

Gifts for Boys

BOYS' OVERCOATS.....	\$8 to \$25
BOYS' SUITS.....	\$10 to \$20
BOYS' RAINCOATS.....	\$4 and \$5
BOYS' BATH ROBES.....	\$3 and \$5
BOYS' PAJAMAS.....	\$1.50
BOYS' GLOVES and MITTENS 50c to \$1	
BOYS' BLUE SERGE PANTS \$2.50 and \$3	
BOYS' CORDUROY PANTS \$2 and \$2.50	
BOYS' MIXTURE PANTS.....	\$2.50
BOYS' NECKWEAR.....	50c and 65c
BOYS' UNION SUITS.....	\$1.50
BOYS' SUSPENDERS.....	35c
BOYS' SWEATERS.....	\$3.95 to \$8
BOYS' SHIRTS.....	89c to \$1.50
BOYS' WAISTS.....	89c to \$1.50
BOYS' CAPS.....	95c to \$1.25
BOYS' MACKINAWES.....	\$10 and \$12
BOYS' STOCKINGS.....	39c and 59c

Christmas Is Only A Week Away

LET US HELP YOU IN YOUR DECISION

FOR THE BOYS

Skates—"Barney & Barry" and "U. S." skates.

SLEDS—Flexible Fliers—"Speedways."

Mecano Sets and Erector Sets

—These are instructive and helpful and are very popular again.

Tools and Tool Cabinets

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Scissors, single and in sets.

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Sloan's Liniment is sold by all druggists, 35c, 70c, \$1.40.

Sloan's Liniment
Keep it handy

vaudeville in New York. For 45 minutes the brothers and their assistants perform in a manner which means continuous comedy, with musical accompaniment. A skating act of beauty and also of daring is the one which is shown by the Reynolds-Dongan Co., father, mother and two daughters, Fred Borrens and his phantom accompanist are novel, and others on the bill are Chester Spencer and Lola Williams; Gili & Veak and West and Edwards.

Opera House.

The wardrobe of Miss Marguerite Fields, leading woman with the Lowell Opera players who are presenting the great drama, "Birds of Prey" at the Opera House this week, should prove unusually attractive and interesting to the patrons, particularly the women folk. Miss Fields has shown exceptional taste in her selection of gowns, and she wears them with a grace and charm that is marked. Her acting this week is also a happy and enjoyable feature of the production, in which all of the members are seen to advantage.

Next week the holiday attraction will be that recently released stage success of recent seasons, "Tollan." An adaptation from the book that had five million readers. Order your tickets early.

The Strand.

"Lord and Lady Algy." The screen presentation of the famous Broadway success in which William Faversham starred some seasons back, will be the feature film offering at The Strand for the last part of the week, beginning with matinee today. Although the story does not preach the evils of betting, the tragic moments are brought about by Lord Algy's loss of his entire fortune on the running of the famous English derby. Although he has promised his wife not to bet any more, the temptation to back his favorite racer was too great, and the young lord wagered everything he owned. As a consequence, a coolness sprang up between the young couple, which was further chilled through the intrigue of the younger brother. However, Lady Algy managed to save her husband from financial disgrace and patch up their differences. "Lord and Lady Algy" has many impressive scenes besides the magnificent race track spectacle. A masked ball presents all the characters in various disguises, and culminates

in the hero making a fool of himself by coming there in a half-intoxicated condition. Tom Moore and a competent cast interpret this really remarkable picture story in a way that will surely meet the approval of all.

Leave never before awakened the heart of a cold beauty in quite the novel fashion presented in "Lost Money," which begins its engagement here today. Madeline Travers, noted for her beauty and smart clothes, enacts an intensely dramatic role with keen intelligence and great force. It's an unusual story of a fight for love and money in an African diamond field. The usual good comedy and Weekly

ASPIRIN FOR HEADACHE

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Insist on "Bayer Tablets of Aspirin." In a "Bayer package" containing proper directions for Colds, Pain, Headache, Neuralgia, Lumbago and Rheumatism. Name "Bayer" means genuine Aspirin prescribed by physicians for nineteen years. Handy tin boxes of 12 tablets cost few cents. Aspirin is made mark of Bayer Manufacture of Monacacetilchloride of Salicylic Acid.

will be shown. Don't forget the Boot & Shoe exhibit. It is educational as well as entertaining. See the footwear of centuries ago.

DENIES MAYNARD'S JUGGLING CHARGE

BOSTON, Dec. 18.—On Sunday, for the first time since Sept. 9, law and order in Boston will be entirely dependent on the police force.

Between now and Sunday morning all the state guard units now on police duty will have been withdrawn, the new policemen having been filled out with uniforms and having so familiarized themselves with their duties as to inspire the authorities with confidence that outside aid is no longer needed.

Colonel Kincade, commander of the provisional regiment of state guard which has been on duty of late, started relieving units under his command yesterday morning when the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th companies were sent home.

Col. Kincade directs the men to hold themselves in readiness to answer a call for further duty "until the present emergency ceases to exist."

THREE CHILDREN DYING OF BURNS

BOSTON, Dec. 18.—Josephine Slonchun, aged 10, and her sisters, Helen, aged 8, and Laura, aged three, are dying at the city hospital as the result of burns in their body sustained late last evening in a fire which ruined their home on the second floor of a

three-story wooden dwelling, 69 Middle street, South Boston. William Slonchun, the father of the children, was a hero. He was burned about the face and chest, but managed to save the little ones from burning to death.

Pineapple Desserts—2c



The bottle in each package of Pineapple Jiffy-Jell contains all the rich essence from half a ripe pineapple. The dessert has a

wealth of this exquisite flavor, and a package serves six people for 12½ cents.

You owe to yourself a trial of this new-type gelatine dainty.

Jiffy-Jell

16 Flavors, at Your Grocer's 2 Packages for 25 Cents



Modern Santa Claus and His Wife on Their Way from Coast to Coast.

JINGLE OF SLEIGHBELLS DROWNS HUM OF MOTOR AS SANTA WHIRLS BY

There will be no sleigh-bells on reindeers when Santa Claus comes along this Christmas. Reindeer and the sleigh are things of the past for the 1919 Santa Claus. Old Santa is right up to date and a little ahead of it judging from these advance photographs of his present-day equipment. He comes this year in a motor truck, but it isn't just an ordinary motor truck such as we see upon the streets every day. Santa carries his home with him and Mrs. Santa Claus is with him since business has grown tremendously since his last visit and she is helping out.

DISCUSSING FARM AND HOME PROBLEMS

AMHERST, Dec. 18.—Rufus W. Stimpson of Boston opened the third day's Conference of Extension Workers yesterday at the Agricultural college, with an address on "The Relation of the State Board of Education to Other Organizations."

Prof. George L. Farley presided at the joint meeting of club workers with the demonstration agents represented by Miss Elsie Traubee of Hyannis at which closer co-operation was discussed. The agriculturists were especially interested in E. H. Thompson of Springfield on "Federal Bank Problems." The good features of club work were emphasized by S. A. Dale, Alfred J. S. Carruth of Berkshire county, R. P. Trask and Miss Louise Fay of Middlesex, J. T. Dizer of Norfolk and Miss Dorothy Pierce of Barre.

Miss Ruth S. Reed discussed clothing, showing the best methods of buying material, making garments and utilizing old clothes.

The club workers and the farm bureau managers discussed closer co-operation yesterday afternoon with A. F. MacDougall of Northampton and R. H. Gaskill of Essex as leaders. Miss Mary Dean of Plymouth presided, over the home demonstration workers when Miss Lucy Gillett of Boston told of "Recent Progress in Nutrition."

New projects for livestock, poultry, pomology and soils and crops were presented by committees. Later dairying, gardening, farm management and marketing were discussed. P. E. Alger of Franklin county, Miss Beulah Hazard of Worcester, E. A. Howard of Essex, Miss Eunice Homer of Norfolk

Instead of sleigh-bells on deer, Santa has saddled them onto the motor of his car so after all Santa will still be heralded by the familiar and joyous sound of the bells.

In this motor car home, Santa as pictured, has traveled with Mrs. Santa from Massachusetts clear across Ohio on his long journey to the Pacific coast. On the way he is taking in large cities on the route and telling all the good children where the best toys can be secured. A letter box on the side of the house is for letters to Santa Claus only.

Besides coming this year in a motor truck, Santa is also his own mechanic. He can repair broken motors as well as broken toys and he is some house builder, judging from this traveling home with conveniences of a modern home.

And Miss Dorothy Stockin reported the good features of club work. Prof. W. P. B. Lockwood of Amherst gave an address on recent work in "Milk Manufacture."

In the evening, Prof. Laura Comstock and Miss Laura Gifford entertained the women in Miss Gifford's apartment.

SEC. ALEXANDER AGAINST U. S. FOREIGN CREDITS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—In his first statement of policy since assuming the portfolio of secretary of commerce, Joshua W. Alexander yesterday declared that under his administration the department of commerce would follow an alert and aggressive policy in promoting foreign trade. Tempered with his aggressiveness, the new secretary said, the department, however, would pursue a policy of fair play to America's competitors in the foreign trade field.

The government should not be called upon for extension of credits to foreign countries, Mr. Alexander declared. Credit in his opinion is a matter for the banks and private concerns to furnish.

In regard to the merchant marine, the secretary approved the policy of the shipping board that the government should operate its ships until they can be taken over by American shipping interests.

"If American goods are to reach all corners of the world," he said, "our ships must ply the trade lanes of all the seas." To this end the government must build up the steamship lines until the time when American concerns are in a position to take over the whole fleet."

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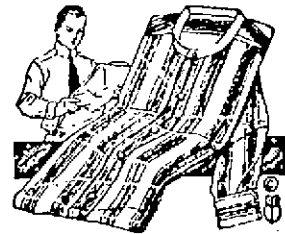
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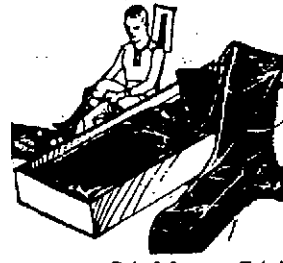


You'll find it to your advantage to choose from the ones we are showing. The size from an old shirt will help—the new ones will be sure to fit.

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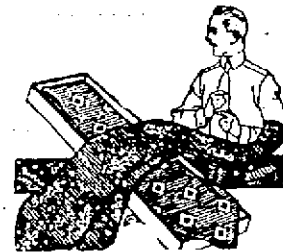
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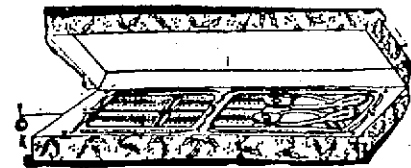
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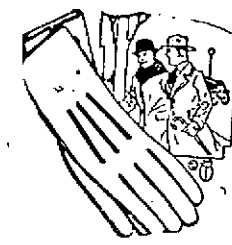
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You may make your selection now, and if they do not fit we will exchange them after Christmas.

Warm Woolen Gloves, 50c to \$1.65

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CHRISTMAS AND ALWAYS—A MAN'S STORE

WEEKLY AIR SERVICE ACROSS ATLANTIC

LONDON, Dec. 18.—A weekly airship service to America is contemplated by a combination of aviation firms, which are credited with the intention of acquiring the famous R-34 and her sister ship, the R-35. These are being altered to meet passenger and cargo requirements.

SOCIAL AND FRATERNAL

At a recent meeting of the members of Loyd Excelsior lodge, I.O.O.F., M.U., the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Noble grand, Peter Gill; vice grand, John R. Wiggins; executive secretary, William H. Williams; permanent secretary, Lisle E. Sewell; treasurer, William Oddie; warden, Samuel S. Kershaw; chaplain, John W. Hollingworth; chief of staff, Robert W. Wiggins; delegates to the district convention, Samuel S. Kershaw and Robert W. Hollingworth; lodge surgeon, Dr. Ginsburg.

Count Samuel de Champlain
Chief Ranger John Doucette presided over the last meeting of the members of Count Samuel de Champlain, F. of A., and a feature of the meeting was the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows: Chief ranger, Pierre A. Giney; vice chief ranger, Raoul Borden; treasurer, Maxime Corneille; financial secretary, Henry J. Duprez; recording secretary, John Doucette; first conductor, Ludwig Bernier; second conductor, Joseph Cloutier; first sentinel, Jean Lajoie; second sentinel, Moise Dufresne; physician, Dr. Alexis Bertrand.

SCHOOL PRINCIPAL RESIGNS
R. Webster, principal of the Foster school in Tewksbury has resigned his position and Miss Gladys Arnold has been appointed his successor. Miss Elizabeth Bowler will teach the seventh grade, which was being taught by Miss Arnold and a new teacher will be engaged for the library school. The schools of the town will close tomorrow afternoon until Dec. 23 for the annual Christmas vacation.

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MR. MOLLOY RECEIVES CONGRATULATORY LETTER FROM LYNN SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT

Charles S. Jackson, superintendent of schools in Lynn, where the junior high school system is in effect, has sent a congratulatory letter to Supt. Hugh J. Molloy of the local school department on the latter's recently submitted report on the junior high school system which was adopted with few changes by the school committee at its meeting last evening. Supt. Jackson points out that hasty action is inadvisable. The letter is as follows:

Lynn, Dec. 16, 1919.
Mr. Hugh J. Molloy,
Superintendent of Schools,
Lowell, Mass.
My dear Mr. Molloy:—I wish to thank you for the copy of the Lowell paper containing your report. I was greatly interested in it and feel that you have covered the ground most logically. The proposition is so important and has such far reaching influence upon a school system that it certainly should receive the careful consideration you have given it. I am glad to see that you do not recommend too hasty action because it entered upon without considerable preparation there is bound to be a reaction that may perhaps prejudice the whole movement through a long series of years. We are experiencing a little of that state of affairs in our own schools as progress in equipment does not keep pace with the demands that these new methods and ideals create.

Congratulations you again on having presented a thoroughly sane and logical report. I am,

Yours sincerely,
C. S. JACKSON,
Superintendent of Schools.

FOR OLYMPIC GAMES

ROME, Dec. 17.—The Italian Olympic games executive committee is rapidly rounding out its program for competition in the Olympic games to be held at Antwerp, Belgium, next summer. It has been decided to engage one or more American trainers for the track and field team, and several suggested changes in the events have been telegraphed to the Belgian Olympic committee in charge of the international meet. It is proposed that the games program include a 20-kilometer walk and that the cross country run be shortened from 10 to 5 miles, or its equivalent in metric measurement.

ENGINEER CASHMAN DEAD
HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 18.—Eugene L. Cushman, chairman of the board of directors of the Cushman Chuck Co., and former president of the concern, died at his home in West Hartford last night. He was born in Belchertown, Mass., 65 years ago.

VERY AMBITIOUS PLAN

Vast Area in Africa Prospective Paradise if Water Can Be Found

BY EDWARD M. THIERRY,
N.E.A. Staff Correspondent with Smithsonian-Universal African Expedition.

UPINGTON, South Africa, Dec. 18.—Irrigation on a vast scale, dwarfing other wood projects of the kind, is proposed as the salvation of waterless Africa.

Settlers are being lured here by land company publicity in England. And, while there is plenty of room for millions more, schemes are being worked out for reclaiming all the unproductive land possible.

Creating a vast sea in the heart of the great Kalahari desert is the project favored by Professor E. H. L. Schwarz of Rhodes University College.

The sandy Kalahari is to South Africa what the Sahara is to the north. It covers 200,000 square miles.

It is proposed by the magic of irrigation to create within this huge desert area a lake more than twice the size of Lake Erie.

This is to be in the vicinity of the Makari-Kari saltpan and Lake Ngami, southwest and west, respectively, of Bulawayo, chief town of Rhodesia.

This means the gigantic job of damming the Chobe river and turning its waters into its old channel, once running 500 miles to the south and now utterly obliterated.

In ancient days Lake Ngami was a sea of 60,000 square miles. Even as late as the middle of the last century Livingston described it as an "inland sea."

managed to exist in the heart of the Kalahari, of a "desert ocean." The ambitious plan to turn a fiery desert into a plain covered with pasture, living forest and cultivated farms has been cited as a means of refuge for 50,000 families dependent on the Johannesburg gold mining industry—in case many present-day pessimists hereabouts turn out to be correct in the prophecy that the mines will soon be exhausted.

POLICEMEN BELONG TO "GANG" OF ROBBERS

NE YORK, Dec. 18.—Evidence sufficient to convict at least six policemen who have aided burglars in five recent robberies in Brooklyn and Manhattan of property valued at more than \$200,000 is in the possession of District Attorney Harry E. Lewis of Brooklyn, he announced yesterday.

Two policemen already are under arrest and the district attorney declared that four other bluecoats belonged to a "gang" of burglars, who not only perpetrated several daring robberies, but invaded the wholesale clothing district and carted away truckloads of wearing apparel.

"I have submitted the matter to the grand jury," he said, "and I expect action tomorrow."

District Attorney Lewis asserted yesterday in a statement that Patrolman Herman Crause instigated a \$12,000 robbery of a manufacturing furrier's plant November 30. Crause and Peter Rueger, another policeman, were arrested in connection with this theft.

The arrest of Crause and Rueger is the third instance recently in which Brooklyn policemen have been taken into custody in connection with thefts. Following the arrest a few days ago of a patrolman charged with holding up a sailor on the street and robbing him of \$18, Patrolman Louis J. Holhorst was captured by a brother officer early yesterday after it is alleged he had "fiddled" his way into a showcase and stolen women's apparel.

CHELMSFORD POST OF AMERICAN LEGION TO ELECT DELEGATE TO CONVENTION

A meeting of Chelmsford Post of the American Legion will be held this evening in the North Chelmsford town hall and a feature of the meeting will be the election of a delegate to attend the special state convention, which will be held in Boston, Jan. 3.

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A Choctaw Indian of Calvin, Oklahoma, who was in that company of United States soldiers which fired the first shots at the Germans, and who was near the fighting lines when the last gun was heard, has been chosen by Dewarroux, the French artist, as the model for his painting of the true American fighter. The picture is to hang in the French federal building at Paris with those of other allied soldiers.

Otis W. Leader trained with the famous Blue Devils when he first went to France, and was almost continually under fire while he served overseas. At Chateau Thierry, Metz, St. Mihiel, Verdun and Argonne he made a splendid record of bravery, and was killed for his action at Chateau Thierry when for three days he fought with the infantry after the entire gun crew with which he was fighting had been killed, and the gun destroyed. At this time he captured two machine guns and 50 prisoners.

Today Leader's body is covered with mustard gas burns for which he still has to have medical treatment. He isn't sitting down for the rest of his life telling war stories to his children and friends. Not much! The man who was chosen as the type of true American fighter is still in action. At Oklahoma city he is taking training under the direction of the federal board for vocational education in mechanical and electrical engineering. After completing the course there he is to continue in advanced work along the same lines in Kansas City, Missouri.

UNCLE SAM, M.D.

Development of Backward Children

The duties of a physician no longer consist simply of the dispensing of pills and powders from a pair of saddle bags in the days of our fathers. He is now frequently called upon to give an opinion as to whether a certain article of food is suitably adapted to the needs of the human system, to furnish fuel and energy to sustain life.

A further responsibility has been placed upon physicians, namely the public health aspects of mental deficiency among school children. While school children and others may be suspected of being mentally defective, it falls to the lot of the physician to make the final decision which will determine whether these persons are feeble-minded, or have merely been mentally retarded owing to unfavorable circumstances.

The disposition of these cases, that is whether they shall be placed in special classes or separate institutions will largely depend on the judgment of the medical examiner.

Increasing attention is being paid to the question of mental capacity among children in relation to school work. When a child is found to be backward in school there will usually be found some cause for his lack of progress in determining the cause it is necessary to inquire thoroughly into the physical and mental condition. By this means it may be possible to institute corrective and preventive measures which will decrease the ill-effects, enable the backward child to reason and to care for himself. Reasoning power in the normal person enables him to meet new situations and solve problems. And it is this ability which distinguishes the normal from the defective mind. The physician of the present day must be able to estimate varying degrees of defectiveness in order to advise hygienic measures that will contribute to their reduction.

Answered

Q. Is cabbage an easily digested food?

A. Not for all persons. The fermented kind (shall I call it Liberty cabbage or sauerkraut?) appears to be more readily digested, but it is a matter of individuality.

Q. How can a rapid pulse be reduced to normal?

A. If there is no underlying disease, rest, especially when lying down, will suffice. But with disease, thyroid disturbance, it may be impossible to reduce the pulse to the average normal frequency.

Q. Is scarlet fever contagious after a month's illness? Can a child have disease more than once?

A. The exact duration of the incubation period of scarlet fever is not known. A rule health officers consider it safe to lift the quarantine after a child's illness, provided there are no discharges from the nose, throat or skin. As a rule, one attack of scarlet fever protects throughout life. Secondary attacks are extremely uncommon.

Q. A REGULAR GIRL. Buy Red Cross seals.

To a Woman

Perhaps it would help you when you are trying to pick out something for a man to know that the average man does not care for loud colors in either ties or shirts. That a muffler and a pair of gloves will make a pleasing combination. That a young man would rather have a belt than a pair of suspenders. Come in and let us help you. It's our business to know men.

I thank you.

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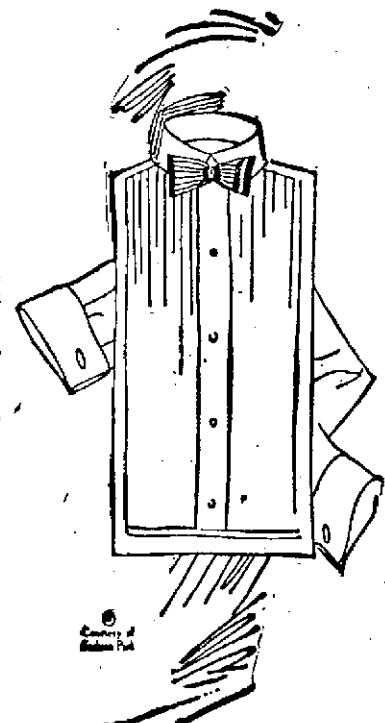
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FOUR BILLIONS AND NO MORE!

BY GEORGE B. WATERS

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Under no circumstances should congress appropriate more than four billions of dollars to run the government from June 30, 1920, to June 30, 1921, declared Congressman James W. Good, Iowa, chairman of the house appropriations committee.

"First, we should quit enacting legislation for new appropriations, and second, we should use the pruning knife to reduce the estimates by the various departments for governmental expenses next year."

These estimates, just filed by the various government departments, call for \$4,365,110,031.62, and this does not include \$384,050,000 more for various purposes that it seems necessary for the government to spend that year, to say nothing of what it will have to pay the railroads when they are turned back to the owners.

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"This must be cut down by \$1,249,470,031," said Congressman Good. "It must be done in a business-like way. The hearings on the appropriations will require four or five months. We must first cut expenses where the cuts will do no harm, and then if that doesn't lower the estimates to within four billions, we must cut where it will do least harm. There are things the government can get along without for the present, and they must be postponed to a future day. That is the way Good

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business men and business corporations do, and it will be good business for the federal government."

If this is done, the inevitable deficit in current operating expenses of the government for June 30, 1920, of \$3,266,335,515.62 will be cut down by June 30, 1921, to \$2,016,865,477.

GUARDSMEN END DUTY SUNDAY

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—William H. Anderson, state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league, replied last night to Lt. Belvin W. Maynard's charge that his original statement in regard to the use of alcoholic liquors by army aviators was "juggled" by the league. Mr. Anderson's statement says:

"The Anti-Saloon league refuses to be made the goat by Lieut. Maynard. The only reply that we care to make to his accusation that the league 'juggled' his statement is the fact that we still have in our possession, subject to inspection by any person who has any valid interest in the matter, the original typewritten statement covered and identified by letters signed by Lieut. Maynard and sent by him to us in response to our request for a statement for publicity purposes."

"Lieut. Maynard complains that the league 'robbed it of its introductory paragraph.' The only words left out were:

"In response to your request, I am very glad to give you a synopsis of my observations in regard to the

use of alcohol beverages in the air service."

"Save for this single exception the league gave out Lieut. Maynard's statement in full exactly as received from him."

TO ABOLISH U. S. HOUSING BUREAU

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Without a dissenting vote the house passed and sent to the senate yesterday a bill ordering the sale of housing facilities erected by the government during the

war to relieve congestion in many industrial centers. The measure abolishes the United States housing bureau, transferring the properties to the treasury for sale to private persons, either for cash or part payments.

Debate on the measure centered largely in an attack on the housing bureau. Charges of profligate expenditure of government funds were made by several members, and the assertion was made that the senate public buildings committee was conducting an investigation with a view of determining whether it should recommend pro-

cessions by the department of justice. Chairman Langley of the buildings committee, in reporting the bill, declared it was the opinion of the committee that "no private concern in the world could have lasted any length of time with so topheavy an organization as was created for the management of this government outfit, with attendant colossal overhead charges."

Belted used on machinery in the Russian petroleum fields is made of camel's hair, which is said to resist greases better than rubber, cotton or leather.

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PALMER TO TESTIFY

To Appear Before Senate Committee Investigating Coal Situation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The senate committee investigating the coal situation will hear either tomorrow or Saturday, Attorney General Palmer's explanation of the basis of the agreement which ended the strike of bituminous miners and resulted in the resignation of Fuel Administrator Gardfield.

Mr. Palmer was in Chicago when the committee decided to hear him and he immediately cancelled his speaking engagements in Little Rock and Oklahoma City, where he was to speak on the high cost of living.

ANOTHER DROP IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Foreign exchange rates suffered another decline at the opening of the local market today. Demand bills on the English pound sterling were quoted at \$2.73 1/2, 3/4 cents below yesterday's close. Franc checks dropped 11 centimes to 11.02 for the American dollar, and lire checks were off 15 centimes at 13.02 for the dollar.

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10,000 AMERICANS IN KITCHENER'S ARMY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Demobilization of the 10,000 Americans who enlisted early in the war with the British army, Red Cross records show, has been completed with the exception of a few still undergoing treatment in hospitals. This number is exclusive of the thousands of others who fought in the colonial armies of Canada and Australia.

Although every effort was made by the British authorities to release Americans from the service at the close of hostilities the demobilization was retarded considerably by the difficulty of many in proving their American citizenship. Hundreds in their enthusiasm to enlist with Kitchen's army, it developed, had assumed English birthplaces to facilitate their enlistment.

INFERNAL MACHINE IN CAR FROM GERMANY

LILLIE, France, Dec. 17.—An infernal machine containing several pounds of high explosive was found in a freight car which had been returned here from Germany while the car was being unloaded today. The time fuses were removed from the machine which exploded an hour afterwards.

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ADVENTURES OF THE TWINS
by Olive Roberts Barton

The twins finally decided to ask their toys to help them in their search for Jocko, their monkey. The magical mushroom said it was a very good idea and suggested a meeting.

So one fine morning Nick and Nancy took them all out, even the electric train and the ouija board, and when everyone had arrived Nancy explained what it was all about.

"Now, think hard," said Nancy, "very, very hard! Did anybody hear Jocko say where he was going? Did he ever tell anyone he wanted to run away?"

"Well," said Jack-in-the-Box thoughtfully, with his head on one side, "he told me one time he didn't see the use of his long tail when there weren't any trees in the play-room."

"And he told me," said the drum in Nick's head, "that he was pulling him around all over the place."

"Well," spoke up the kite, "it appears to me he must be somewhere up high. How would you like me to go up and look?"

"Good!" cried Nancy. "That's a fine idea. Mr. Kite! Nick can take you out right now."

So Nick took the kite and began to let out the string. West wind seemed anxious to join in the search, for he took the kite and carried it up and up, and over and over, until it got to the top of the church steeple where the chimneys were.

"He's looking," cried Nancy. "Oh, I wonder if he's found Jocko."

But suddenly, what do you think? The chimneys began to ring. Ding, dong, ding! And my, but everybody was surprised. It wasn't time for church, or for Sunday school, or for prayer-meeting. What could be the matter?

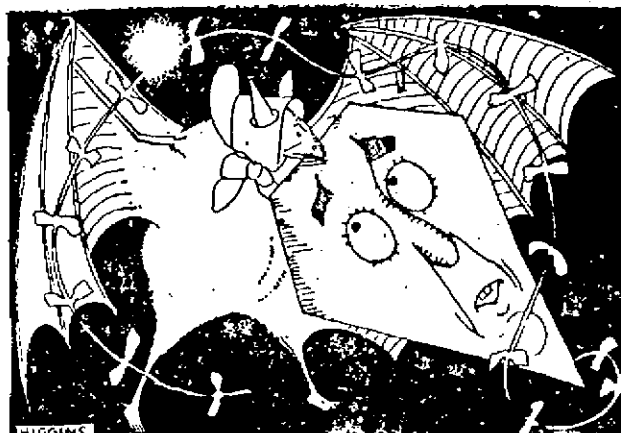
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Nick did not let go of the string when the kite got caught in the church steeple, and the chimneys began to ring. Farmer Jones and the sexton began to run. Nancy and Nick ran, too.

When the twins reached the church the bells were still chiming in an odd jerky way. Instead of going ding, dong, ding-dong, ding, dong, as they usually did in quite a musical way, they were making a dreadful noise.

"The kite's gone inside," said Nick. "I can see where the string goes."

Suddenly the twins thought of their magical shoes. They had almost forgotten about them. And soon they were scrambling up the steeple until they came to the place where the bells were. And what do you think they saw? Old Mrs. Bat had hold of



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A hollow voice, "that every time he saw a church steeple he wanted to climb it."

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WAR DEPARTMENT TO BRING BODIES HOME

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The war department alone will bring back the bodies of American soldiers dead from Europe.

This announcement was made from the office of the chief of staff of the army, on authority of Secretary of War Baker.

The announcement says: "With reference to the numerous requests that are being received from relatives of deceased soldiers buried abroad, that relatives be authorized to go abroad or to appoint agents for the purpose of disintering the bodies of the dead and of removing these bodies to the United States at their own expense, the secretary of war directs that:

"It is the view of the war department that it is essential in order that the project of returning the American dead from France may, as a whole, be carried on with expedition and efficiency, that all negotiations with the French authorities relating to this project and all arrangements relative to the shipments and transportation of the bodies should be handled by the proper governmental agencies, and

that any departure from this policy whereby numerous private individuals would undertake to make such arrangements separately would undoubtedly result in delaying materially, if not in seriously prejudicing the orderly and successful completion of the project as a whole."

"For this reason, and in order that in the return of the bodies of the American dead, at the request of their relatives, no unfair discrimination may result against those relatives who are of limited financial means, individual requests of the character mentioned above will uniformly be refused, except where relatives desire to permanently inter the bodies of their dead in cemeteries of their own choice within the boundaries of Europe."

RED CROSS SALES ARE SMALL HERE

Of Lowell's quota of \$3000 for the sale of Red Cross Christmas seals in the campaign against tuberculosis, there now is in sight not more than \$2000 and persons in charge of the drive do not believe that the final figures will be much in excess of this amount. In actual cash on hand at the present time, there is only \$856.41, but only half of the public schools have been heard from and the sales in the mills also have not been reported. The six booths in downtown stores have secured only \$52.25 so far, and the public school reports already received total \$450.

From these figures it may be seen that the school children have done most of the selling, and undoubtedly will be credited with a large percentage of the ultimate amount.

Although the city is far behind its quota, campaign workers say other years have produced no better results and the best hoped for now is the above figure of \$2000. The opportunity offered Lowell people to aid in this tremendously important campaign is evident. It is not a Red Cross venture, but entirely handled by the National Anti-Tuberculosis league. The Red Cross yearly supplies the seals, but receives no return from the sale.

MOTHER AND HER BABY FOUND DEAD

BROCKTON, Dec. 18.—Mrs. Edna Winship, age 27, wife of Roy Winship of 35 Clifton ave, Brockton, and her five-months-old daughter, Marion Alice, were found dead yesterday afternoon in the kitchen of her home by Mrs. Winship's mother, Mrs. William H. Huley.

Mrs. Huley, who lives upstairs, went down about 3 to see her daughter, but knocked and received no response. She looked through the kitchen window and saw the pair lying on the kitchen floor. She then went to the home of Nathan C. Barrows, 131 Clifton ave,

who forced an entrance. The woman had been dead several hours. All gas cocks on the stove and the gas jet in the room were open. Medical Examiner A. Elliot Palma pronounced the deaths as suicide and homicide.

Mrs. Winship had been married at two years. She had been despondent since the birth of her baby, but seemed well when her husband, chauffeur, home yesterday noon. She was a telephone operator before her marriage.

What is said to be the first shipment of Chinese coal to the American continent was made in June, when 5 tons were shipped from Chinwang to Alaska.

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WITNESSED CRUEL ACTS

Y.D. Veteran Says Capt. Ditzer's Sergeants Beat Up 12 Men

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Beating of prisoners began from the time the 305th Military Police Company was organized for criminal investigation work in Le Mans, according to Victor Shephard of New Haven, a witness yesterday at the court-martial on Governors Island of Captain Karl W. Ditzer, Captain Detzer, who commanded the company, is charged with cruelty to men in his custody.

Shephard, who was wounded at Chateau Thierry, while fighting with the 102d Infantry of the Yankee Division, joined the military police after the signing of the armistice and served as Captain Ditzer's interpreter.

Shephard testified he had witnessed at least 12 prisoners assaulted by Sergeants U. S. Madden and Frank L. Hoyt in the presence of Captain Ditzer, who did not protest.

A new angle was brought out when Shephard testified that Private Fred M. Yates, now a military prisoner, who previously testified against Captain Ditzer, had been challenged by the captain in his Le Mans headquarters to a fight "man to man." This challenge, Shephard testified, followed the re-arrest of Yates after he had escaped from Ditzer's custody. Yates, he said, accepted the challenge, although only half the size of Ditzer.

Shephard during his testimony brought a laugh when he turned toward the accused on several occasions and asked:

"Isn't that true, captain?" With permission of Major William F. Kelly, judge advocate, the defense put on the stand one of its witnesses, Robert E. Flora, a member of the Cincinnati police force, who formerly served as assistant provost marshal in Le Mans, with the rank of captain.

Refuting specific charges that Ditzer had forced false confessions from prisoners, Flora testified that in the case of Private Marcello Gonzales, who previously swore the accused had forced him to sign a statement at the point of a pistol, he himself had obtained voluntarily from the prisoner a confession similar to that he had made to Ditzer.

Flora testified that prisoners at Le Mans had no respect for their superior officers; frequently cursed them and that in many cases it was necessary for the military police to throw prisoners on the floor to subdue them and prevent them from kicking and beating the officers. He said a soldier named Reed had complained to Captain Ditzer that a member of the 305th Military Police Company had split his head open with a club and that Captain Ditzer had the police officer locked up.

Flora caused a stir in the courtroom

when he cited as an instance of the hardships that confronted military police, the killing of Frank Lindsay, the only colored officer of the department of criminal investigation in France. He testified Lindsay's body was found with several bullets in it. When last seen alive the officer was examining white soldiers for their "passes on a train leaving Brest. Several soldiers who escaped from a jail in Brest were later caught and held for Lindsay's death, he said.

CONGRESS IS AGAINST LARGE ARMY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Rejection by house and senate military committees of war department proposals for a regular army of 576,000 officers and men appeared practically certain last night, when Chairman Wadsworth predicted that the senate committee would fix the strength of the force at about 230,000. The house committee has already agreed tentatively on approximately a similar program.

"There is no question," said Senator Wadsworth, "but that the senate committee in its present frame of mind will not fix the number at more than 230,000 and may possibly cut the number more than that."

Senate sub-committee hearings on the bill were concluded late yesterday, while the house committee took up questions as to the future of the national guard. The senate committee hoped to have proposals in shape for the full committee after the holidays.

The military policy committee of the American Legion, composed of Allan A. Tukey, Nebraska, chairman; Colonel Milton J. Foreman, Chicago, and Thos. W. Miller of Delaware, explained to the sub-committee yesterday recommendations of the organization as formulated at its recent convention in Minneapolis. Other witnesses were Col. Abel Davis, Chicago, Illinois national guard, and Maj. Gen. John P. O'Ryan of the New York national guard, while the house committee heard Col. R. H. Gillette, Troy, N. Y., of the national guard association.

Under the legion's recommendations only a sufficient standing army for police and overseas garrison purposes should be provided. Universal military training for boys from 13 to 20 years of age and a general staff "liberalized" by an admixture of citizen officers was recommended. Continuance of the present officers' training camps and a separate department of aeronautics also were favored.

Col. Davis suggested a "limited try-out" system to fix the number of men to receive military training which he thought, with proper national guard provisions, would meet objections of opponents of compulsory training and also give the states forces they need.

Gen. O'Ryan renewed his recommendations for a citizen army to replace

both national guard and reserve corps to supplement the regular forces and be available locally at the call of state governors upon application to the federal government for military assistance.

FOUL POLITICAL CRIME

Dublin Paper Suppressed for Accusing Government of Employing Criminals

DUBLIN, Dec. 18.—Owners of the Freeman's Journal, seized and suppressed by the military police on Monday, applied to the chancery court yesterday for an interlocutory injunction to restrain the authorities from continuing to suppress the newspaper. The application will be heard on Friday. In the meantime, the Evening Telegraph which is associated with the Freeman's Journal, is appearing as a morning paper.

Real Reason for Suppression LONDON, Dec. 18.—The real reason why the Dublin Freeman's Journal was suppressed is given in a Dublin despatch to the Herald, the organ of organized labor. The despatch says that the raid upon the plant was not made because of the newspaper's alleged interference with the recruiting of special constables as was stated in parliament, but was a result of the newspaper's attacks upon the Irish administration.

It is asserted that the Journal alleged certain known criminals were allowed immunity from prosecution because the government was employing them. The correspondent says it is firmly believed that Detectives Downing and Barton, who were slain in Dublin recently, were shot, not by Sinn Feiners, but by criminals of the "villain" type, whose identity is known to the government, but who are left untouched because the Castles wish the murders to be attributed to the Sinn Fein. "This charge," he says, is "not made without evidence," adding: "Men of sober judgment accuse the Castle Camarilla with preparing a foul political crime similar to that committed in 1793."

Motion in Commons

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The national party in the house of commons has given notice of a motion on the Irish question, reading as follows:

"The house, in view of the fact that the Sinn Fein organization has made it abundantly clear that it will not accept any form of home rule retaining the sovereign powers of the government at Westminster, declines to proceed with legislation which cannot be acceptable to any considerable section of opinion in Ireland, and calls upon the government to enforce law and order in that country."

LOWELL'S REVENUE AND PROHIBITION

When constitutional prohibition becomes effective next month, Lowell will face a yearly loss in revenue of approximately \$110,000, said a representative of the city license commission today. This approximation is not far out of the way if the revenue figures of 1915 were taken as a criterion, when they were \$146,139, \$109,604.25 of which was net revenue to the city, after the state tax of \$36,534.75 had been deducted.

The liquor revenue situation this year was novel in Lowell, inasmuch as two distinct kinds of licenses were granted. On May 1, licenses taken out under the special liquor act, operative until July 1, brought net revenue to the city amounting to \$19,355.50, while the licenses granted under the old liquor law on July 1, effective to May 1, 1920, brought additional revenue to the amount of \$46,162.50. This made a total revenue of \$65,518. The 1919 loss over 1918, therefore, was \$15,058.25.

There is no way of estimating what effect this loss of revenue will have on the 1920 tax rate, but the main fact is that no liquor license money will come in and either a reduction in expenses or the finding of additional taxable property or the securing of other revenue will have to occur if this item is not to have a tendency to increase the present rate of \$25.

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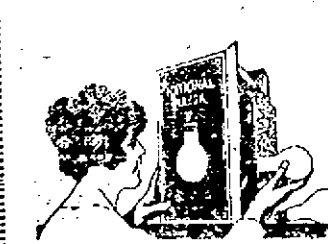
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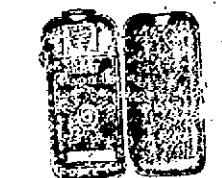
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THOUSANDS STARVING

Hoover Urges Shipping Flour to Central Europe—Quick Action Necessary

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Starvation faces 15,000,000 to 20,000,000 persons in Central Europe outside Germany unless "some quick means can be discovered for their assistance," Herbert Hoover, former food administrator, said yesterday in a formal statement. Unless relief is quickly furnished he predicted a break down of stable government in the countries affected and "creation of another cesspool like Russia."

Mr. Hoover proposed that the "great surplus of wheat and flour" held by the Grain corporation be sold on credit to England, Poland, Austria and other nations of Central Europe. The Grain corporation, he said, could extend the credits out of the capital it already possesses without a call for special appropriations by congress.

"The question of export of breadstuffs in this particular case," said Mr. Hoover, "does not influence the price or supply to the American people. It is purely a question as to whether, out of the material which we will export in any event, we should give credits in order to prevent starvation on a wholesale scale, or on the other hand, to deal only with those who can pay cash on the nail."

PARIS, Dec. 18.—The supreme council decided yesterday that it would be necessary to furnish Austria food to the amount of \$70,000,000, fruits, A. R. Jenks; 2.40 to 3.30—Feeding demonstration, "Easier Way of Doing Familiar Things."

Friday, Jan. 2: 10 to 11—Lime and legumes, C. B. Tillson; 11 to 12—Orchard management, A. R. Jenks; 12 to 1—Dinner, 1 to 1.50—Corn, C. B. Tillson; 1.50 to 2.40—Pruning, A. R. Jenks; 2.40 to 3.30—Joint conference.

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Calculating ocean depths by means of sound is the purpose of a new invention, the marimeter, which sends a sound to the bottom to be returned as an echo.

PLAN TO HOLD EXTENSION SCHOOL

Billerica, Bedford, Carlisle and Burlington are combining to hold an extension school at Billerica January 1 and 2 under the auspices of the Middlesex county farm bureau. A committee composed of representatives from each town is in charge of the arrangements and they hope that many people will register and make an effort to attend all the sessions of the school. The Christian Alliance of Billerica will serve dinner each day at a moderate cost.

The program and the hours set for each subject are as follows:

Men's Section Thursday, Jan. 1: 10 to 1—Fertilizers and manures, C. B. Tillson; 11 to 12—Starting the young orchard, A. R. Jenks; 12 to 1—Dinner, 1 to 1.50—Feeding the dairy cow, C. B. Tillson; 1.50 to 2.40—The cultivation of small fruits, A. R. Jenks; 2.40 to 3.30—Feeding demonstration, "Easier Way of Doing Familiar Things."

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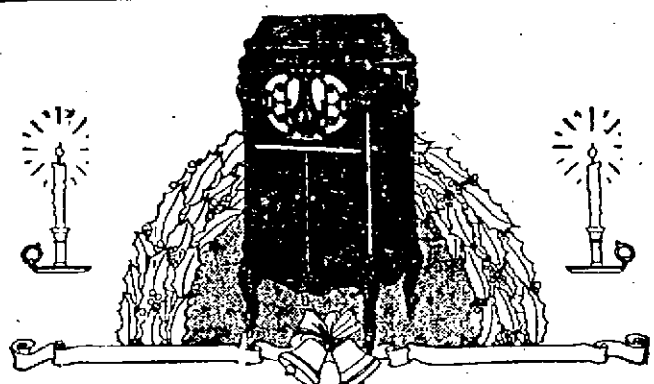
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REACHING THE POOR

Christmas is peculiarly a child's holiday. It is a time when the older folks find their chief enjoyment in making the children happy. There are children in Lowell today yearning for the dawn of Christmas morn and for the arrival of good old Santa Claus with his sleds, his skates, his dolls and all the innumerable things he has de-vised to bring joy to the childish heart. There is no other holiday of the calendar that brings such a high degree of joy to the children who get a liberal remembrance from Santa; but for those who receive nothing, the case is different. Instead of joy there is disappointment and sorrow.

But the situation in many cases may be even worse. It is asserted by members of the board of health, by school teachers and others, that there are hundreds of children in our city who are suffering from lack of nourishing food. Their wan faces and emaciated forms tell the tale. How will these children be reached? They are not longing for toys so much as for some good things to eat. Yet in most cases, their parents think they receive an ample supply of food.

We have citizens here in Lowell who would give freely of their money to relieve such children if they could only find them and be convinced of the real necessity. The pastors of churches, it seems, should exert themselves to reach the poor families of their flocks and endeavor to have them provided with a plentiful supply of good things for Christmas. Another way to aid in helping the needy, is to contribute to the fund being raised by the Salvation army for Christmas baskets which will be sent only to families in which they are really needed. There are other charitable agencies at work throughout the city so that it is reasonably certain that Christmas cheer will be carried even to the humblest homes in the city and that the holiday will be for the poor as well as the rich, one of merriment and joy in the general observance of the Christmaside.

TO CUT COST OF LIVING

Attorney-General Palmer has mapped out a very elaborate program for reducing the high cost of living. In advance, he admits certain difficulties that are almost insuperable. These are the extravagance of the people, inflation of the currency and the industrial unrest which is causing decreased production. In order to assist him in the work, he urges increased production in every line of industry and promises to adopt active measures to stop hoarding and profiteering.

If the people will co-operate with the attorney-general on these policies, he may be able to secure gratifying results. It is a certainty, however, that high prices will remain for years unless production be increased so that the plentiful supply will force the prices downward. The attorney general has suggested the advisability of marking the cost of articles on leaving the wholesaler in order to indicate whether the retailer is charging an exorbitant price. This will probably be impracticable for the reason that it would entail a great deal of trouble and would be subject to change with fluctuating markets. The retailers make the claim that the cost of transportation and distribution is so high that it covers most of the margin between the wholesale price and that of the retailer. It will not be safe for the people to expect too much from Mr. Palmer's campaign; but if they do their part in following his advice he will assuredly accomplish reductions that, in the aggregate, will afford very material relief. He will at least put a stop to hoarding and profiteering, two phases of the situation that must be dealt with quite vigorously.

KEEPING WARM

Captain Eddie Rickenbacher, one of our very best aerial fighters in the late war, believes future conflicts will be won and lost by aerial forces. Their ammunition will be shining rays of the sun, and their weapon, Captain Eddie predicts, will be an electric lens device through which the sun's rays may be focused upon fortifications, city

battleship or camp, hurling a fiery destruction upon the object.

But if we can make use of the sun's heat in war, why not set about to accomplish the same thing in peace? Instead of burning cities, why not heat the homes in them? Invent that "electric lens device," by all means, but bear in mind the greater importance of a world warm and comfortable.

The captain's idea is now only in using the airplane as a vehicle upon which the lens will be mounted. Long ago, man discovered the possibility of focusing sun rays, stationing the focusing device near the earth's surface. Rickenbacher would place it nearer the sun by aid of aerial craft. It is doubtful if this would prove of other advantage than mobility, and this is a war advantage. However, perfection of Rickenbacher's idea will aid others in their efforts to substitute solar heat for the coal furnace.

And that will be something worth crowing over! For you must admit it will be more pleasant pressing a button to turn on the sun's heat on a cold morning, than going down and shaking the ashes and like as not find the fire out and no kindling chopped.—N.E.A.

THRIFT CLUBS

One of the Boston banks is to distribute \$1,500,000 to the members of its Thrift club. A Lowell bank is to hand out \$150,000 in its annual distribution of thrift savings. If the banks teach the people the art of saving in addition to the ordinary functions of banking, then they will have rendered a valuable service to the community. It is easy to see that those who undertake a financial obligation calling for payments at stated periods, are reminded that they must save their loose change for that purpose. They soon get the habit and they learn, too, what it means to plant a few dollars where they will grow so that with accrued interest, the amount will soon be far in excess of the sum deposited. Banks are extending the sphere of their usefulness. Formerly they catered mainly to the large depositors, which are necessary to the bank's success; but they are now reaching out to serve the community and this encouragement of thrift is not the least important of their varied functions. By this means, the people are enabled to save systematically without either hardship or expense. The bank here renders a service which is mainly an accommodation, inasmuch as the expense of handling small accounts is more than the business is worth; but the bank wins friends in this way. Any agency that encourages saving and thrift is helpful to the people.

ACCIDENTS

Many auto drivers seem to think that pedestrians have no rights between the two sidewalks of a street. These drivers should understand that pedestrians have just as much right on the streets in crossing from one sidewalk to another, as have the automobiles in passing along the street. Some of the drivers also think that if they sound their horn when approaching pedestrians ahead of them, the latter should jump out of the way. This is not required by law. The auto driver is obliged under penalty, to slow up when he sees pedestrians ahead, in order to be able to avoid striking them in case they do not get out of his way. They are not obliged to jump when they see an auto approaching nor at the sound of an auto horn from either direction, but unless they do so under present conditions, they are liable to be killed. We've had too many serious accidents on the streets of late, due to reckless driving and the assumption that a street is reserved for automobiles alone. Pedestrians are to blame if they run out suddenly in front of an automobile so that an accident cannot be avoided; but if they exercise reasonable care, the responsibility rests on the automobile driver if they are knocked down or run over.

THE FIREMEN

The action of Commissioner Morse in asking the local firemen to withdraw from the American Federation of Labor, is timely and to the point. It was supposed their affiliation precluded the right to strike; but a fire department, simi-

larly associated with the A.F. of L., was called out on strike recently in New Jersey. Before the city voted for the double-platoon system, the firemen asserted that their constitution forbids strikes; but recent developments seem to place the matter in doubt. For that reason, it would be good policy for the firemen to surrender their charter and comply with the customs of fire departments in this respect. The citizens will rest easier and will be better disposed to give favorable consideration to other demands of the firemen, provided the latter show the right spirit in getting out of the labor union.

BOY SCOUT EVENT

On February 8, the Boy Scouts of America will observe their tenth anniversary. The natal day of this organization, now numbering nearly 2,000,000 members, or about 5 per cent of the boys of the United States, should be duly recognized. The Boy Scout organization is doing good by teaching the members what is right and training them to do good.

Every boy scout, wherever he may be on February 8, 1920, will stand at salute and repeat the scout oath, which is as follows:

"On my honor I will do my best:
To do my duty to God and my country, and to obey the scout law;
To help other people at all times;
To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and normally straight."

The pretty town of Tilton, N. H., now takes its place with other similar communities which have experienced disastrous conflagrations and which might have been averted or at least curtailed but for inadequate water pressure. In this instance, despatches say that "little water could be sucked through the hose as the pressure from the local reservoir was very low." Many such confessions have been made in the past, and yet hundreds of towns neglect to effect a change in their water systems to obviate an occurrence of like destructiveness. They are not willing to make the expenditure, but rather prefer to fly in the face of providence.

During the cold weather, the people who do not dress uniformly nor follow the old rule of keeping the feet warm and the head cool, but not too cool, are likely to catch cold which it may be difficult to get rid of. Some people show slight regard for their health by encountering sudden changes of temperature without changes of clothing necessary to meet the conditions. Those who follow indoor pursuits and have little exercise are most likely to take cold and are usually the most careless in guarding against such dangers.

Welcome indeed is the railroad administration bulletin which announces the resumption of normal train schedules throughout New England. The hundy 12.10 was our greatest concern and its re-appearance on Saturday will be greeted by scores of shoppers and others bound Bostonward.

Governor Coolidge estimates that the cost of the State Guard for police duty in Boston will be about \$3,000,000, an item of expense that came unexpectedly. The police strike, after all, proved quite costly. Nobody supposed that law and order came so high and yet few will regret the expenditure.

Ilyman Benowitz of New York, neglected to mention \$142,914 in his 1918 income tax return, which oversight cost him \$113,778 when his fines were added up in a federal district court. Such oversights are indeed annoying. We take no such risks.

The Tyrol Diet has threatened a union with Germany unless the entente gives assurance that the province will be provisioned and supplied with raw materials. The entente powers may reply that if the Tyrol desires that sort of a diet, she may have it in welcome.

Boston went strongly for license as usual, but no power in the state can grant license, and unless the supreme court of the United States over-rides the constitutional amendment, no state in the union will ever hereafter have the right to license the sale of liquor.

The Good Government association seems to have scored in Tuesday's election in Boston, although some good men were defeated. By this it is assumed that so far as the men elected are concerned, good government during their incumbency is assured.

SEEN AND HEARD

The average life of man depends a whole lot on how he lives.

Will at least one Christmas stocking, lest you face the scorn of conscience.

One of the hardest things in the world is to understand the man you do not want to understand.

Dickens called life "one durned hard grind," and Emerson called it "a bubble and a skepticism and a sleep within a sleep." Take your pick!

Do not think the paragraphs you read were written for your special benefit. But if they fit your case take them unto thy heart and endeavor to profit thereby.

Miss Jessie Stephens, housemaid, is a candidate for the British parliament. She's a good cook, they say. If she gets in, John Bull may have less half-baked legislation. And, no doubt, Miss Jessie can roast the opposition if necessary.

The Good Old Days.

In the good old days the milkman would drive up to your house, ring a hand bell and then mother or the "hired girl" would put on her sun-bonnet, or in winter, the little brown shawl that always hung on a nail on every back kitchen door, come out with a crock or a tin pail and receive milk drawn from a brass faucet in a high tin can set in the front of the wagon. And she'd pay about a nickel for enough milk for the family, the cat and the puppy. Those were the days!

Schools in Morocco.

Any time your little boy entertains a notion that school hours are too much of a burden, read him this: "Children in Morocco go to school at 3 o'clock in the morning, study until noon, and after an hour's recess, return to school where they study until 9 o'clock in the evening." That'll hold Willie for a while! And, while, after dad reads the above, and delivers his comments, read this to him: "Schools in Morocco do not teach reading, writing and arithmetic and lessons are studied while boys indulge in leapfrog and blindman's buff." Anybody would get up before day-light to go to that sort of school!

Tips From Texas.

And if shoes go much higher everybody will envy the one-legged man. No matter how much a man grouches over the price of butter he would rather pay taxes on a cow than a milk herd. What has become of the old-fashioned groceryman who advertised 20 pounds of sugar for a dollar? The old-fashioned woman who had corn on her hands now has a granddaughter who's got them on her toes. And when there is a bad man in the moving picture our rule is to stay in our seat until we have seen him killed several times. It has just about got so in this country that it is as hard to find a cheery house to move to as it used to be for the landlord to find a cheery tenant.—Dallas News

Chance Bids.

"The fellow who isn't fired with enthusiasm is apt to be fired."
"If you have half an hour to spare, don't spend it with someone who hasn't."
"Never contrive to make it easy for your concern to get along without you."
"When in a fix, swearing will get you farther than sweating."
"Let mules do the kicking."
"You have no idea how big the other fellow's troubles are."
"It's all right to aspire to control others, but have you begun with number one?"
"Two-thirds of 'promotion' consists of 'motion.'"
"Defeat is often a spur to victory."
"Don't simply see how you can put in the day. See how much you can put into the day."—Forbes Magazine.

Mother Red

(Copyright, 1919, N.E.A.)
I fear old Mother Red is ill.
Not that she lies so white and still,
Not that her figure is thin and flat,
For I can understand all that.
I lay my weary head by hers
And sweet the blessing she confers!
Her pillowed cheek is cool and calm
And soothes me with a sort of balm.
And through the winter's wind and storm,
She cuddles me and keeps me warm;
I curl up in her empty lap
And settle for a long night's nap.
But in the dark there comes a doubt,
For, later, as I straighten out,
I feel a sudden deadly chill
And know poor Mother Red is ill.
I thrust my own foot down to feel
And find her foot is cold as steel,
And oh, I fear, nay, I am sure
Her circulation's very poor!
Dear me! dear me! poor Mother Red!
What should we do if she were dead?
If that grim chill struck to her core
And she should never warm us more!
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MAN ABOUT TOWN

It's been a long time since one could look out over Lowell's houses, tops and find them blanketed with snow but at the present time this is true and the scene is indeed a pretty one as viewed from a height. So far this season what snow we have had has not been of a sufficiently stable character to last after it has fallen but Tuesday's storm was preserved by the cold weather which immediately followed it. There is hardly a building within my radius of vision which has not its white covering and the scene seems to reach a climax in the solid whiteness of Fort Hill rising above the rest of the city. Here the whiteness is unbroken until the very summit of the hill is reached and there an abundant growth of evergreen contrasts beautifully with the purity of the lower hill.

A number of Lowell young men will experience a real New England Christmas next week after a lapse of one, and in some cases, two years. Army and navy duties in much warmer climates took many away during the years of war and they passed through Yuletide seasons of entirely different aspects. In fact, Christmas away from home is not Christmas at all, but there is no Christmas anywhere which compares with New England's. Perhaps it is because we live here, and always have, that makes us think and say so, but every New Englander shares the same belief. It may be because traditions have come down through the years of snow-bound Christmas festivities and the ploughing of huge snow drifts when families travelled miles to join with others in observance of the day, but I guess, it's just because it is New England. Of course, people in California, for instance, who have never known a New England Christmas, feel that theirs is very real and look upon the polkaettles with the same amount of Christmas joy as we feel when handling holly, mistletoe and evergreen. But, can you imagine a Christmas with green grass and summer weather—a temperature of 80 or thereabouts? That is why those of us who experienced warm Christmases in the last year or two, are glad to be back this year—and the colder and snowier the better.

BUY AMERICAN MONEY IN WINDSOR, ONT.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 18.—Buyers in Windsor, Ont., across the Detroit river from this city, of American money are making high profits, according to a leading Windsor banker, who declares that 95 per cent of the approximately \$250,000 that monthly goes to Windsor from here, is bought at a premium.

A sign displayed in a Windsor store this week reads: "American money bought here, highest prices paid." The dealer's price being 7 per cent. Chartered banks less than a block away, were taking all offerings at 8 per cent, it was stated. Retail stores advertise in the newspapers that they allow 7 per cent on American currency, while street car conductors are making handsome profits.

Canadian holders of American Liberty bonds quoted below par are declared to be selling their bonds in Detroit for American money, which they resell in Windsor at a profit, to make up their losses. In Detroit there is a 10 per cent discount on Canadian money and at many places it is refused entirely.

4621 AUTOS STOLEN IN N. Y. IN 6 MONTHS

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 17.—Reports received by the state bureau of municipal information of the state conference of mayors show that 4621 automobiles were stolen in the state during the last six months. Police departments. It was announced, recovered 2801.

LOWELL BRANCH OF ASSYRIAN ASSOCIATION TO BE REPRESENTED AT CONVENTION

The Lowell branch of the Assyrian National association will be represented at the third annual convention of the organization, which will be held at New Britain, Conn., Dec. 18 and 20. Numerous delegates from various points of the United States will be in attendance at the convention and in addition there will be representatives from the branches in Canada, Constantinople, Mesopotamia and Persia, and most prominent among those present will be Lady Surmah, sister of the late Mar Shimon, patriarch of Assyria. The convention will be addressed by Jacobite Bishop Apphem Barsom, representative of the present patriarch.

Cured His Rupture

I was badly ruptured while lifting a trunk several years ago. Doctors said my only hope of cure was an operation. Trusses did me no good. Finally I got hold of something that quickly and completely cured me. Years have passed and the rupture has never returned, although I am doing hard work as a carpenter. There was no operation, no loss of time, no trouble, and nothing to sell, but will give full information about how you may find complete cure without operation. If you write to me, Eugene M. Pullen, carpenter, 125F Marcellus avenue, Manhattan, N. Y. Better cut out this notice and show it to any others who are ruptured—you may save a life or at least stop the misery of rupture and the worry and danger of an operation.—Adv.

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INQUEST OVER DEATH OF "BUDDY" BLAKE

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Dec. 18.—Seventeen witnesses, including Mrs. James Blake and her husband, have been summoned to appear tonight at the coroner's inquest over the death of Mrs. Blake's five-year-old son "Buddy." She is charged with murdering him by casting him into the ocean from the Ventnor fishing pier, last Friday night.

On the finding of the coroner's jury, probably will depend whether the prisoner, who still is in the city hospital, will be committed to an asylum, or to the county jail to await trial on the murder charge.

STEAMER REFOLOATED

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The British freight steamer Grange Park, which ran aground Saturday in the heavy fog near Point Lookout, was refloated early today.

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GREAT BRITAIN DEPENDANT UPON SOUTH AMERICA FOR BEEF.

LONDON, Thursday, Dec. 18.—Great Britain can become self-supporting as far as mutton and lamb is concerned, in a few years, but must for a considerable time be dependent upon South America for beef, according to a report issued tonight by the board of trade committee appointed last April to consider means of insuring the kingdom's meat supply.

The longest warship constructed and soon to go into commission is the British battle cruiser Hood, which is 900 feet long and 42,000 tons full-load displacement.

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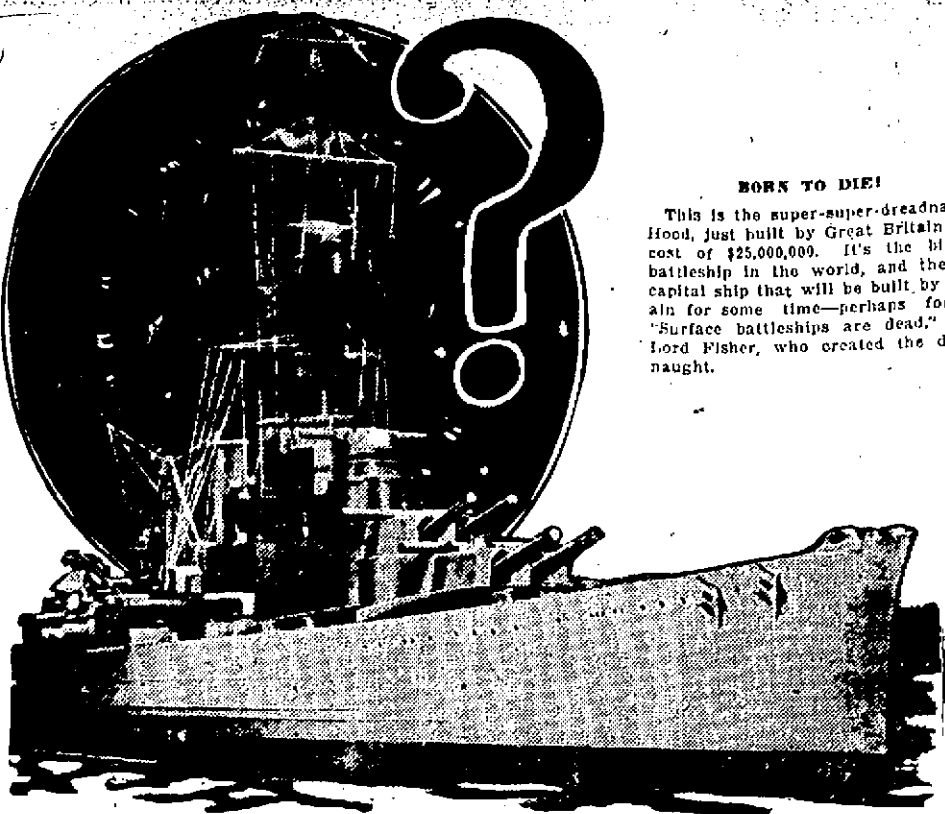
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This is the super-dreadnaught Hood, just built by Great Britain at a cost of \$25,000,000. It's the biggest battleship in the world, and the last capital ship that will be built by Britain for some time—perhaps forever. "Surface battleships are dead," says Lord Fisher, who created the dreadnaught.

BRITAIN JUNKS NAVY

No New Warships Being Built and no Building Program Contemplated

(N.E.A. Special to the Sun.)

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Great Britain has started reducing her navy.

The admiralty has put up for sale a big group of battleships and destroyers. More will go under the hammer later on.

The bulk of the fleet has already been taken out of active commission.

No new warships are being built and no naval building is in contemplation.

All capital ships over seven years of age are passing into the reserves.

America and Japan.

The extent of the reduction will depend upon two things:

1. Naval policies of the United States and Japan; and

2. Air and submarine developments.

There is no change in Britain's determination to keep her "margin of safety" over other navies. She deems this necessary to her security as a sea empire, although at this moment she considers air dominance at least as important as sea dominance.

The war left Britain so strong that she will still have the biggest navy after the United States has completed the 1916 program of dreadnaughts and battle cruisers interrupted by the war.

So under pressure of a nation debt-burdened and demanding economy, the admiralty is weeding out and reducing the navy to a point deemed safe. The future British naval policy is left hanging in the air. Admiral Beatty himself doesn't know what it will be.

Dreadnaught Extinct.

Naval chiefs are frankly relieved that they have a "breathing spell" in which to look ahead and study possible air and submarine developments that

Sink in Sham Battle.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The Lord Fisherites who are trying to convince the admiralty that surface battleships are doomed, are relating with "I-told-you-so" glen, the "sinking" of the Queen Elizabeth, Beatty's former flagship, and the Barham off Portsmouth recently in a "sham battle" test, by a British air squadron.

The airman first dropped a series of smokeballs. Then, "torpedo" carrying planes swooped down through the screen and "destroyed" the battleships.

British newspapers are discussing the controversy almost daily.

The London Times speaks of the "uncertainty as to the value of surface ships in the future, owing to the great strides made in aerial navigation."

Subtle Punch comments pointedly: "The admiralty has agreed to allow commercial travelers to proceed abroad in battleships. The proposal that a bonus should be offered to any one of them who manages to sell a battleship en route is being considered."

The London Express says: "It seems likely that the safety of these islands will in the future depend as much on air as hitherto it has done on sea supremacy."

The British Trade Review inquires: "What shall we do with our royal dockyards?"

The London Sunday Evening Telegram refers to the results of the test sham-battle.

The Graphic says: "It is less than 60 years since the first ironclad was launched and now it would seem that even the super-dreadnaught is obsolete!"

may revolutionize naval warfare and junk the surface dreadnaughts.

Lord Fisher, creator of the dreadnaughts, says they will soon be "extinct."

Admiral Sir Percy Scott says the big ships (that formed the backbone of the Grand Fleet during the war) are "deader than dead."

"The air controls the water," says

Fisher. "Unless all warships can get under the water they will be blown out of the water. Millions upon millions are still being wasted in the upkeep of ships that can't be used in war."

Submarine-battleships with big guns and many torpedo tubes, and tremendous air strength will constitute safety in the future, according to this school of thought.

For Surface Ships.

The predominant admiralty view here is that big surface ships are still the backbone of naval power. Aircraft and submarines are regarded as increasingly important auxiliaries.

That is also the United States navy's view. It is the resumption of the 1916 program may be taken as an index.

Significance attaches, however, to the British relief at being able to drop naval building a while and "see what happens"—meanwhile pushing aerial development.

Immediately after the armistice Britain cancelled contracts for about 500 war vessels ranging from trawlers to four super-dreadnaughts.

Three of these dreadnaughts were cancelled. One, H. M. S. Hood, was ordered completed and has just been finished in the shipbuilding yards in the Clyde.

This monster, the largest battleship in the world, is likely to be the last capital ship built in this country for many years—"if not forever," as the Evening Standard puts it.

Build Merchant Ships.

The Clyde, which has been one of the seats of the British naval empire for more than a century, is turning to merchant building exclusively, probably for good.

Other private company yards have long since turned to merchant work, and the government is now planning to turn government naval yards over for merchant shipbuilding, retaining, of course, facilities for making naval repairs.

The British navy, which a year ago formed the greatest concentration of sea power in history, now has one small, active fleet. Here is, roughly, the lineup today:

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Consists of five Queen Elizabeths and five Royal Sovereigns, and there is talk of further reducing the complement in the interests of economy. Spends part of the time based at Plymouth for target practice and part in home ports of Portsmouth and Devonport.

Group on sale—Battleships and destroyers of older types including Indomitable. Before the war ships were sold only to shipbreakers. This is not a rule now. Civil will probably buy two battleships.

Home fleet—Comprises a large part of what was Grand Fleet, and lies at anchor in British naval ports as "first reserve" with reduced crews sufficient merely to keep the vessels in shape.

Scattered group—Single ships or small groups on duty at various points around the world.

WILL H. HAYS "GOING TO THE GRASS ROOTS"

BY HARRY B. HUNT

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec.—Maybe his name—Hays—has something to do with it, but anyway the chief pastime of Will H. Hays, chairman of the republican national committee, as he himself puts it, is "going to the grass roots" for information.

Hays told national committeemen, here to plan for the big convention at Chicago, June 3, that he has been delving around the grass roots considerably of late and that all present indications point to a heavy republican harvest on next November 2.

Hays believes, however, that it will not hurt to spread considerable G.O.P. fertilizer, as a possible precaution against an unexpected spell of democratic weather.

"We must get every man interested in politics," he told his hearers. "National patriotism has been aroused by the war. The only way to apply patriotism in a democracy is through practical politics. If we get everybody interested and active in politics I'll take my chances on the proper proportion voting republican."

Array of Issues

Issues? Sh-h-h! Hays anticipated discussion for publication among committeemen by issuing a blanket broadside covering the whole field.

"We must stick to fundamentals and get back to the constitution," he said. "We are for justice for both capital and labor. We are for law and

order. We are against anarchy and

redism and for Americanism. We are for a budget system."

Hays had apparently concluded his array of issues, and had turned to another subject when he remembered something vital.

"Oh, yes!" he exclaimed. "There's the high cost of living. That's mighty important. We're against it. We do not believe the democrats have tackled it wisely or with any promise of success. They haven't shown results. We must emphasize that. We republicans will have to solve the high cost problem for the people."

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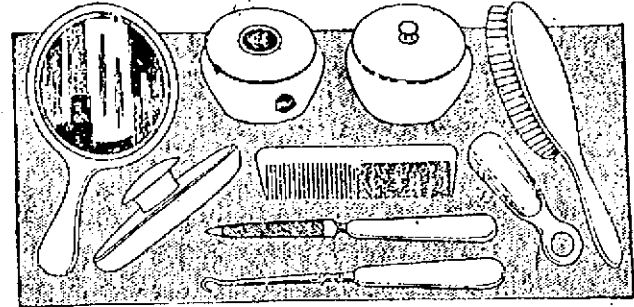
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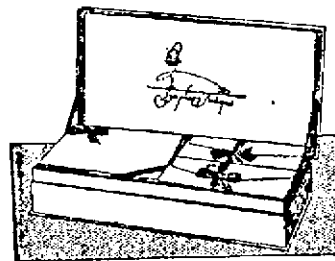
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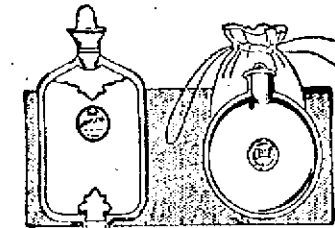
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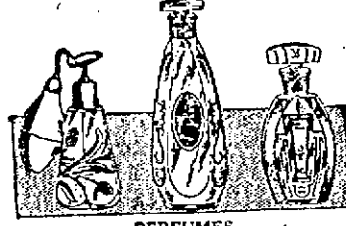
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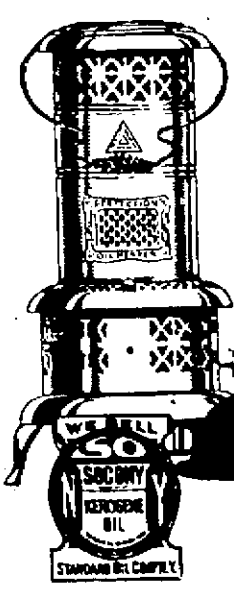
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Give mother and the children a Perfection—with its touch of extra warmth to make cold corners snug. Give yourself one for use in the bathroom when shaving.

The Perfection is clean, safe, odorless and pays for itself in furnace heat saved. Easily filled and re-wicked—creates no soot or ashes. Carried from cellar to garret as easily as a lamp. Burns 10 hours on a gallon of kerosene. Over 5,000,000 in use.

Use SoCoony kerosene for best results.

STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF NEW YORK



PERFECTION
Oil Heaters

order. We are against anarchy and redism and for Americanism. We are for a budget system."

Hays had apparently concluded his array of issues, and had turned to another subject when he remembered something vital.

"Oh, yes!" he exclaimed. "There's the high cost of living. That's mighty important. We're against it. We do not believe the democrats have tackled it wisely or with any promise of success. They haven't shown results. We must emphasize that. We republicans will have to solve the high cost problem for the people."

"Backbone" at Meeting

Appropos of issues, it will be interesting to see the advanced and progressive policies that will be recommended by the committee to study "policies and platform" for the Chicago convention. Among its membership are some old, familiar faces—

notably W. Murray Crane of Massachusetts, Boies Penrose of Pennsylvania, and Reed Smoot of Utah. They are the backbone of "old guard" republicanism, and although it hasn't been announced that they cheered Hays' determination to limit campaign contributions to \$1000, they do approve his policy of scratching around the grass roots. They're all

little scratchers themselves.

Some of Them Believe It

One of the especially heartening

cents at the convention was H. P. McGregor, national committeeman from Texas, who says that "sure as shooting"—almost—Texas is going to jump over into the republican column in 1920. A strange story. Yet, stranger still, many of his fellow republicans think there is really a chance of just that thing happening.

McGregor tells the republicans that former Senator Joo Bailey, with the aid of Jim Ferguson and John H. Kirby, have split the old democratic lineup in Texas wide open by forming "The Peoples Democratic Party." That gives the republicans, he main-

tain, more than a fighting chance for the border empire.

So hopefully did McGregor state the case that Chairman Hays is going to make a special trip down to Texas to examine the grass roots for himself and incidentally make at least three good sound, sane republican speeches.

A strip of land eight inches wide and 40 feet long in the central part of Hazleton, Pa., has just been transferred by deed to a man who needs this small piece of ground to get access to his large tract of land behind it.

Used for 70 Years

Thru its use Grandmother's youthful appearance has remained until youth has become but a memory.

The soft, refined, pearly white appearance it renders leaves the joy of Beauty with you for many years.

Gourauds Oriental Cream

MEXICO'S REPLY IS RECEIVED

Official Text on Note on
Jenkins Case Arrives at
Washington

Reports Indicate Note Had
Not Made a Favorable
Impression

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Mexico's
reply to the last American note on
the case of American Consul Agent
Jenkins, was received today at the
state department.

The official text was said to dif-
fer only slightly from that contained
in Associated Press despatches Tues-
day night, from Mexico City.

While officials said they would
have no comment to make until they
had had time to thoroughly study the
note, it was indicated that at first
reading the communication had not
made a favorable impression.

ENTERTAINMENT IN AID OF MEMORIAL FUND

Another enjoyable affair in aid
of the fund to erect a memorial to
Pawtucketville's heroes of the world
war was held last evening at the
Pawtucket hotel house, when the
welcome home committee staged a
social and dance that attracted an
exceptionally large crowd.

The evening's program opened with an
overture by Miss Margaret Tighe.
Other numbers were songs by Com-
missioner James E. Donnelly assisted
by the Clinton Glee club, an exhibition
dance by Mr. Huxley and Miss Dean,
another by Miss Celia Crowe, songs
by the Misses Bertha and Alice Dion
and Miss Mary McFarland. The
accompanists of the evening were
Miss Margaret Tighe, Mrs. George
Tyler and Miss Dion.

George Tyler, the noted baseball
star, was the general manager of the
evening's affair and through his gen-
erosity the orchestra for dancing was
donated. He was assisted by the
following aids: William H. Rigby,
Cornelius P. Cronin, Edward Cunn-
ham, Daniel Paquette, Henry Tighe,
Rev. A. G. Lyons, Mrs. George Tyler.



GEORGE TYLER
General Manager

Mrs. Patrick Brosnan, Mrs. John Cog-
ger, Miss Marion Cogger, Miss Alice
Mithell, Miss Lavina Axon, Mrs. H.
L. Sweet, Miss Mary Cryan, Miss
Marion Deckerett, Mrs. Fred Brien,
Mrs. W. J. Coughlin, Mrs. T. Chad-
wick, Mrs. H. Marshall, Mrs. H.
Mullan, Mrs. Edward McCarthy, Miss
H. Merrill, Mrs. W. Courtney, Mrs. H.
Roberts, Mrs. L. Ayer, Mrs. W. Sexton,
Miss Mary McEvoy, Mrs. E. Tremblay,
Mrs. Walter Cunningham and Mrs.
John Raymond. The refreshment
committee was in charge of Mrs.
Walter Courtney.

BIG HOLIDAY ATTRACTION GONE

There will be no ice carnival in
Montreal this winter or at least dur-
ing the holidays and there will be
no special rates on the railroads dur-
ing the holiday period, which means
that very few Lowell people will
spend the holidays across the line
this year. The ice carnival week in
Montreal and the reduced railroad
rates have always been a big at-
traction for Canadians who are now
making their homes in the states
with the result that every year hun-
dreds of them speeded up north for
a week or 10 days in order to wit-
ness the disappearance of the old
year and the birth of the new one in
their old homes.

The ice carnival at Montreal was
conducted for years, but when the
war broke out, the affair was "killed"
so to speak and it may be several
years before this great attraction is
revived. When the United States gov-
ernment took control of the railroads
there was no such thing as excu-
sions or reduced rates around the
holidays and this year is no exception
to the rule. Furthermore the rates
between Boston and Montreal have
increased considerably during the
past two years and that has deter-
red on the holiday tourists.

\$15,000 ASKED FOR EXPENSES OF SECOND INDUSTRIAL CON-

FERENCE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Congress
was asked today by President Wilson
to appropriate \$15,000 for the ex-
penses of the second industrial con-
ference now in session here.

BAR PASSPORTS TO "PICTURE BRIDES"

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—Senator
James D. Phelan, who was at home to-
day for the holidays, said he had re-
ceived information from Washington to
the effect that the Japanese govern-
ment had decided to cease issuing pas-
ports to "picture brides" of Japanese in
the United States and that it will make
a definite announcement to that effect
Feb. 21.

Disapproval of the practice of Japa-
nese men in America in selecting wives
in Japan whose pictures only they have
seen, was expressed in resolutions re-
cently adopted by the board of direc-
tors of the Japanese Association of
America.

LEGAL NOTICES

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.—
Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To all persons interested in the es-
tate of Joseph H. Clark, late of Am-
herst, in the County of Hillsborough,
and State of New Hampshire, deceased,
or in the personal property hereinafter
described, and to the Tax Commissioner
for said Commonwealth:

Whereas, Bridget A. Clarkin, ap-
pointed administratrix of the estate of
said deceased, by the Probate Court for
the County of Hillsborough, in the
State of New Hampshire, has presented
to said court her petition representing
that as such administratrix she is en-
titled to certain personal property sit-
uated in said Commonwealth, to wit:
Deposit in Washington Savings Bank, in
Lowell, and praying that she may be
licensed to receive or to sell by public
or private sale on such terms and to
such person or persons as she shall think
fit—or otherwise to dispose of, and to
transfer and convey such estate.

You are hereby cited to appear at a
Probate Court to be held at Cambridge,
in said County of Middlesex, on the
second day of January, A. D. 1920, at
nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show
cause, if any you have, why the same
should not be granted.

And said petitioner is ordered to
serve this citation by publishing the
same once in each week, for three suc-
cessive weeks, in The Lowell Sun, a
newspaper published in Lowell, the last
publication to be one day at least be-
fore said court, and by delivering a
copy of said citation to the Tax Com-
missioner for said Commonwealth four-
teen days at least before said court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Es-
quire, First Judge of said Court, this
fifteenth day of December, in the year
one thousand nine hundred and nine-
teen.

F. M. ESTY, Register.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.—
Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To all persons interested in the es-
tate of Katherine T. Buckley, late of Nashua
in the County of Hillsborough, and
State of New Hampshire, deceased, or
in the personal property hereinafter
described, and to the Tax Commissioner
for said Commonwealth:

Whereas, Mary Buckley appointed
administratrix of the estate of said de-
ceased, by the Probate Court for the
County of Hillsborough, in the State of
New Hampshire, has presented to said
court her petition representing that as
such administratrix she is entitled to
certain personal property situated in
said Commonwealth, to wit: Deposit in
Washington Savings Bank, in Lowell,
and praying that she may be licensed
to receive or to sell by public or pri-
vate sale on such terms and to such
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missioner for said Commonwealth four-
teen days at least before said court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Es-
quire, First Judge of said Court, this
fifteenth day of December, in the year
one thousand nine hundred and nine-
teen.

F. M. ESTY, Register.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.—
Middlesex, ss. Probate Court.

To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and
all other persons interested in the es-
tate of Eva Moreau, late of Lowell, in
said County, deceased:

Whereas, a certain instrument por-
tending to be the last will and testa-
ment of said deceased has been pre-
sented to said court for Probate, by
Harry Joseph Moreau and Alice A.
Moreau, who pray that letters testa-
mentary may be issued to them, the
executors therein named, without giv-
ing a surety on their official bond.

You are hereby cited to appear at a
Probate Court, to be held at Cambridge,
in said County of Middlesex, on the
twenty-third day of December, A. D.
1919, at nine o'clock in the forenoon,
to show cause, if any you have, why
the said instrument be given probate.

And said petitioner is hereby di-
rected to give public notice thereof, by
publishing this citation once in each
week, for three successive weeks, in
The Lowell Sun, a newspaper published
in Lowell, the last publication to be one
day, at least, before said court, and by
mailing a copy of said citation to each
of this citation to all known persons
interested in the estate, seven days at
least before said court.

Witness, Charles J. McIntire, Es-
quire, First Judge of said Court, this
ninth day of December, in the year one
thousand nine hundred and nineteen.

F. M. ESTY, Register.



CITY OF LOWELL PUBLIC NOTICE

Lowell, Mass., Dec. 17, 1919.

Public notice is hereby given that
the following minor licenses expire
December 31, 1919:

Auctioneer
Public Amusement for Theatre
Second Hand Motor Vehicles or Parts
Thereof:
(A) Agent
(B) Used Car Dealer
(C) Motor Vehicle Work

Application for removal of these li-
censes should be made at the License
Commission Office, on or before 12
o'clock, noon, Saturday, December 27,
1919.

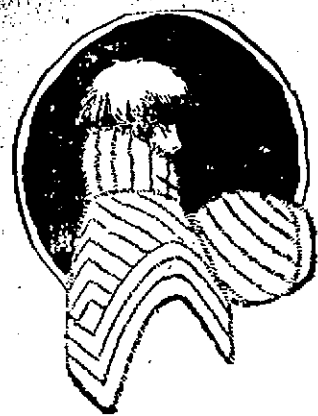
By order of the License Commission,
JOHN J. FLAHERTY, Clerk.

NOTICE

All bills, for accounts due
from the City of Lowell,
must be rendered on or be-
fore December 24, 1919, to
insure payment January
15, 1920.

J. JOSEPH HENNESSY,
City Auditor.

JAMES E. DONNELLY,
Commissioner of Finance.



SUITS Fur Trimmed SUITS

At a Great Saving. Sold as
High as \$65.00.

\$39.85

Velours, Silvertones, Trico-
times, Oxfords and Mixtures.

BIG XMAS SALE

Cherry & Webb are always ready to do their part. Heavy reductions give in-
creased value to the Xmas dollar. Suits, Coats, Dresses, Furs and Christmas stocks at
exceptional prices.

Sale Commences Friday at 9.30

COATS Big Fur Collar COATS

They are the demand gar-
ments—Velours, Silvertone,
Polo Cloth, silk lined, all
sizes, large collars, Raccoon,
Sealine and Nutria. Selling
to \$65. A buy you will not
regret.

\$39.75

DRESSES

—AT—

\$19.00

A very low price for the
qualities — Fine Tricoline,
Wool Jersey and Serges.
Every one of these dresses
sells from \$25 to \$35. Similar
styles are quoted \$5 to \$10
more. For these three days
\$19.00 will be the price.
Come as early as you can.



85 Plaid Skirts of the Better Grades
\$16.75 —MAKERS' SAMPLES— \$16.75
Sold to \$27.50. At.....

For the KIDDIES' XMAS
3rd Floor

Plenty of Good Things Here in
Splendid Selections

Fur Sets.....\$3.98, \$6.98, \$8.98
Bathrobes.....\$1.98 and \$2.98
Sweaters.....\$2.98 to \$7.50

White Dresses.....\$2.98 to \$8.98 Serge Dresses.....\$6.98 to \$15.00
Gingham Dresses \$1.98 to \$6.00 Dolls.....79c to \$3.00
Rain Capes.....\$2.98 and \$3.98 Bennets.....\$1.98
Dolls.....79c to \$1.25 75 Jersey Petticoats, \$7.50
value \$5.00

Furs and Fur Coats
A Wonderful Stock. We Can Save
You 25% on Furs.

CHERRY & WEBB

12-18 JOHN STREET

Georgette Waists

WONDERS AT.....
Fascinating embroidered effects, dainty
tints and colors, worth \$8.50 today, at

\$5.00

LINGERIE WAISTS of Voiles.....\$1.98, \$2.98

HIGH GRADE WAISTS of Georgette—
\$6.98, \$8.75, \$12.50 to \$25.00

Our Basement Dept.
Alive With Xmas Gifts
HOUSE DRESSES, APRONS, PETTI-
COATS, RAINCOATS, KIMONOS,
WOOL SCARFS, VESTS

CHRISTMAS SEAL
DRIVE PROGRESSING

BOSTON, Dec. 18.—That the anti-tu-
berculosis Christmas seal drive in Mas-
sachusetts will have raised \$250,000
when it closes Christmas eve was the
prediction of state campaign director
Roscoe W. Vinson after a survey of the
reports received at headquarters this
morning from all parts of the
state. These reports indi-
cate that the large eastern
cities, with Haverhill as a notable ex-
ception, are much in need of workers
and that the small towns generally and
the cities and towns in the central and
western part of the state are likely to
exceed their quotas.

Ten cities and towns are already over
the top in the Berkshire district which
will undoubtedly raise its quota of
\$14,500.

In Boston about \$22,000 worth of
Christmas seals have been sold and the
daily sale is only \$500. Springfield and
Worcester started behind the rest of
the state but are making up for lost
time by intensive work. Newton and
Brookline are conspicuous for good
work among the suburbs of Boston.
Haverhill is doing the best work of any
eastern city. Pittsfield so far has made
the best showing of all the cities.

Though the goal was set at \$300,000
for the state, Robert V. Spencer, sec-
retary of the Massachusetts Tubercu-
losis league under the auspices of
which the campaign is being conducted,
declared this morning that the work
will have been well worth while if not
more than half the amount reached for
should be attained.

The campaign gained force this week
from the formal endorsements of Wil-
liam Cardinal O'Connell, Dr. Bernard
W. Carey, director of the division of
communicable diseases of the state
health department, and Dr. William C.
Woodward, Boston health commis-
sioner.

The following places, of which the
first ten are in the Berkshire district,
have sold or exceeded their quotas:
Adams, Dalton, Hartsfield, Lenox,
Monterey, Mt. Washington, New Marl-
boro, Peru, Pittsfield, Williamstown,
Newburyport, Dedham, Georgetown,
Mills, Reading, Wayland, Weston and
Uxbridge. There has been no report of
quitting by any organization.

At Ostroff's

— CONSISTING OF —

Underwear, Sweaters, Fancy Handkerchiefs, Hosiery, Gloves and Mittens For the Entire Family

FANCY MUFFLERS, NECKTIES AND RUBBERS. FURS FOR LADIES, MISSES AND CHILDREN. INFANTS' OUTFITS.

In Fact a Complete Christmas Stock With
a Saving to You of From 25% to
75% or Your Money Back

— SPECIAL —
200 Dozen Men's All Silk Hose, in black,
cordovan, Palm Beach, green 50c
and navy, a pair.....

Hundreds of Other Bargains Too Numerous
to Mention. Be Wise. Be Economical.
Be Practical — Buy here.

WHERE U BOT THE OVERALLS

193-195 MIDDLESEX ST.

Sporting News and Newsy Sports

SIMLER IN LINE FOR SALEM WINS AND GOES INTO FIRST PLACE

Chick Simler, who boxes Jimmy Duffy in the main bout at the Crescent A.A. tonight will be one of the busiest lightweights in the east if he succeeds in beating Duffy. All the Boston clubs as well as several in Providence, Buffalo and Philadelphia are after his services. One Quaker Club club wants him for New Year's night against Lew Teller, who it is expected will be able to box then.

Simler claims that he is now in perfect condition for the first time since he got out of the service. His first fight after receiving his discharge from the navy was against Barney Adair at Lawrence. Adair outwitted him by eight or ten pounds, but he gave him a merry battle. On his former appearance in Lowell he claims he was tired after traveling all night and part of the day of the bout from Buffalo, where he boxed the night before. Simler wants to show Lowell fans that he was not at his best on that occasion and if he loses tonight he will have no excuses or alibi to offer.

Lowell fans, however, like Duffy as they have seen him in three bouts. He came through with flying colors and local followers of the game think he can give any man of his weight a stiff argument. All agree that tonight's bout ought to be a hummer.

Frank Moles and Johnny Marto will meet in the semi-final.

Negotiations are underway to rematch Johnny Downes and Frankie Brown, who recently put up a sensational 12-round draw here.

Another match that ought to go big here or anywhere else is one between Bobby Josephs and Roy Moore. It is reported that overtures were made to hook up the pair, but a little dispute over weight has kept them apart.

If Chick Simler defeats Jimmy Duffy of New York here tonight he is to be given a bout with either Bennie Valera or Joe Tipton at the Armory A. A. of Boston.

BOBBY JOSEPHS WINS

Knocks Out Young Solzberg

—Phinney Boyle Knocked Out in First Round

BOSTON, Dec. 18.—Bobby Josephs stopped Young Solzberg of New York in the sixth round of their bout at the Suffolk A. A. last night.

In the first round Josephs caught Solzberg on the jaw with a right cross and Solzberg went to the mat. The latter did some good jabbing and hooking after that.

Josephs kept shooting rights and lefts at Solzberg and in the fifth the New Yorker showed signs of distress. Josephs went after his rival strong at the start of the sixth. After landing several punches he drove his right to Solzberg's jaw, knocking him out.

Only one punch was landed in the battle between Shaver, O'Brien, and Phinney Boyle. The latter received it on the jaw and went to the mat and stayed there till he was counted out.

Tommy Nee defeated Harry Loring in six rounds. Frank Ryan stopped George Richards in four and Tony Valera defeated Frank Haley in 10.

B. C. DROPS HARVARD DATES

BOSTON, Dec. 18.—The athletic management of Boston college today announced that all dates with Harvard university have been dropped. The action, which is unexplained, follows an announcement that Boston college would not appear on the Harvard football schedule next year.

Before invention of the paravane to trap submarines, there was developed a form of submarine mine which acted on the principle of the hay rake.

BOXING

JIMMY DUFFY VS. CHICK SIMLER TONIGHT

POLO

SALEM VS. LOWELL Crescent Rink—Friday Night

A Barrier Against Cold and Stormy Weather

When your body is encased in this heavy pure wool honest underwear, you can laugh at zero weather.



Ribbed—blue or natural—all wool. Ask your dealer for Contoocook—famous for fifty years.

CONTOOCOOL MILLS CORP.

78 Chauncy St., Boston

CONTOOCOOL HONEST UNDERWEAR



LEGIONERS DEMAND SPEEDY ACTION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Speedy action was demanded of congress on all matters affecting the government's dealings with ex-service men, in resolutions adopted last night by national and state officers of the American Legion at the conclusion of a three-day conference here with officials of the war risk insurance bureau. The resolutions also warned congress of the imperative necessity of providing relief for men who have met with injustice through the inadequacy of laws under which the present insurance and compensation regulations are administered.

Throughout the afternoon session of the conference an evident spirit of concern was evinced that the nation should not undergo again the burden of pension payments. The pension system was characterized as unnecessary and unjust and as adding a burden on the coming generations which the taxpayers of these years should shoulder. Brig. Gen. Lord, director of finance of the war department; V. W. Lambkin, chief of the rehabilitation division of the federal board for vocational education, and Surgeon Lavinder, representing the public health service, were questioned closely in regard to the activities of their departments.

Specific cases were employed in rapid succession by the legion delegates in developing complaints and in illustration of changes in administrative practices requested by the ex-service men.

No Specific Complaint, But—

Franklin D. Miller, grand commander, assured the government officials at the close of the inquiry that the legion had no specific complaint against them, but that this must not be interpreted that the legion did not recognize failure on the part of the war risk bureau, the public health service and the vocational education board "to function satisfactorily."

At the conclusion of the discussion, the delegates summed up their views of needs of the ex-service men, as demonstrated by their study of the situation here, as follows:

"The Wason and Sweet bills should be passed by congress forthwith. "The bureau of war risk insurance, federal board for vocational education and the public health service—especially the sections of the two latter agencies dealing with ex-service men—should be combined under a single head, and one representative of the unified agency should be placed in each state.

"The following modifications regarding insurance should be adopted: Premiums should be payable through the local postoffices. Restrictions based on relations of beneficiaries should be removed. "The amount of the insurance under both term and converted policy should be payable at the option of the applicant in a lump sum or otherwise and if the applicant has exercised no option then at the option of the beneficiary. A partial disability benefit should be paid under all policies.

Remission of Premiums.

"That all disabled persons having war risk insurance while in the hospitals, or while receiving benefits under the war risk insurance act, or while receiving training, should have the payment of all insurance premiums remitted during the continuance of their disability and training. That all forms used shall be simplified, so as to be made as short and simple as possible.

"All men receiving vocational training should have their maintenance paid in full and a vocational training official should be permanently stationed at every hospital where disabled ex-service persons are being cared for, to give personal and individual information.

"Immediate and adequate steps should be taken to reach all persons at present entitled to vocational training and not receiving it, and to acquaint them fully with their rights and to give training to all who are entitled to it. Recreational features should be added to the vocational training program.

"Substantial increases in all the present rates should be granted. Immediate, liberal and effective action should be taken on all claims.

"Persons suffering from tuberculosis should be considered as totally disabled during the continuance of the disease as compensable accordingly.

"Hospital facilities at present provided are inadequate and congress should make a far more liberal provision for same."

BUSY NIGHT ON THE LOCAL ALLEYS

The U. S. Worsted Bowling league and bowlers representing the Benevolent Order of Buffalo Jacques held forth on the local alleys last evening and several zipful clashes resulted. Scores:

Buffalo League
Team Four—W. Garvey, 245; J. Hamel, 248; E. Dwyer, 243; J. Cusick, 243; Total, 1000.
Team Two—D. Murray, 226; E. French, 247; J. Lowrey, 243; G. Garvey, 227; J. Kennedy, 228; Total, 1174.
Team One—J. Lemire, 258; P. Hamel, 232; J. Broadway, 269; G. Brown, 242; T. Reaney, 243; Total, 1225.
Team Three—G. Mousette, 212; E. Preston, 219; P. Gill, 223; J. Hughes, 264; W. Gilson, 263; Total, 1181.

U. S. Worsted League

Wallopers—Z. Greaves, 204; J. Dawson, 248; C. Nugent, 243; J. Hamm, 263; J. Beggs, 261; Total, 1222.
Mending Room—J. Wakefield, 214; A. Dean, 252; J. Booth, 260; A. Walker, 241; E. Quinn, 228; Total, 1295.
Strangers—J. Wagner, 239; P. Gentile, 255; J. Coughlin, 238; J. Mikalop, 215; D. Beauchene, 247; Total, 1294.
Scrubs—C. Horn, 246; P. Braut, 236; C. Nugent, 237; C. Machia, 243; C. Connerston, 253; Total, 1215.
Clean Sweep—R. Sheehan, 214; T. Clean, 231; D. Molloy, 244; J. Gentile, 258; J. Gorman, 255; Total, 1209.
Never Sweats—W. Morris, 225; T. McLaughlin, 250; J. McNamara, 257; A. Baker, 250; W. Beauchene, 225; Total, 1247.

Other Games

Hobson & Lawler—Benoit, 265; McMahon, 247; Dunlap, 258; Kenebeck, 265; Ingalls, 265; Total, 1055.
Thompson Hardware Co.—Vincent, 262; Peters, 222; DeRoche, 277; Park, 261; Norwood, 255; Total, 1277.

PATSY DONOVAN SCOUT FOR CUBS

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—The Chicago National League club plans to send a special scout to look over youngsters trying out for positions on other

teams when the spring season starts. It became known today. Patsy Donovan, veteran baseball man, has been chosen for that duty.

LOOK FOR TUMBLE IN HIGH PRICES

One of the best arguments in support of the claim that high prices in all lines of necessities will tumble next fall and that August or September will mark the time when the journey back to normal will begin, is seen in the statement of several retail buyers in Lowell department stores, who say that buying this year has been done with the deliberate aim of overstocking to such an extent that a tremendous reduction in the demand upon the wholesaler will be in effect.

If this is so, the scales of prices must go down under the law of supply and demand and the people of Lowell will reap the benefit. It is said that a number of Lowell stores have sufficient stock on hand to carry them through another fall and winter and that they will not be in the market for goods of that season until another year.

In many ways this program of buying in the stores is but a large reflection of individual purchasing. When shoes, for instance, began to increase in price and showed no tendency to stop, many people purchased two or three pairs instead of one and in that way created a supply which tided them over the season of top-limit prices.

CHRISTMAS DAY AT THE ORPHANAGE

Christmas tree exercises a midnight mass and a turkey dinner will mark the observance of Christmas at the French-American orphanage in Pawtucket street. The exercises will be held on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, while the dinner will be served at noon Christmas day.

The mass at midnight will be for the children and sisters of the institution alone for it was stated this morning that no outsiders will be admitted at the service. During the mass, which will be celebrated by the chaplain of the orphanage, appropriate hymns will be rendered by the children under the direction of the superior.

On Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock the 12th annual Christmas tree exercises will be held under the direction of Mrs. George E. Calise, who will supply the little ones with appropriate gifts. The 250 or more boys and girls will meet in the assembly hall, where Santa Claus will greet them. A varied entertainment program will be given.

Mrs. Calise stated this morning that, owing to the scarcity of sugar, she did not conduct any cake sale this year, but instead she has received donations from friends of the institution. She also stated that it is not too late for anyone who would like to send in his or her donation.

St. Peter's Orphanage

At St. Peter's orphanage in Stevens street there will be 190 Christmas



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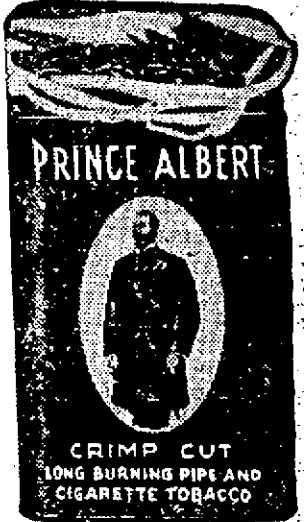
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REDUCED FARES IN EFFECT TODAY

Reduced fares between Lowell and Dracut, together with a reduction of the rate between this city and Collinsville and Lakeview became effective on the local street cars today. Patrons may now ride from Merrimack square to Dracut Centre for 64 cents, instead of 70 cents, formerly the charge. The fare to Collinsville and Lakeview is now 12½ cents, a reduction of 2 and ½ cents. To benefit by this reduction the 11 ticket must be used.

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Buckwheat and Wheat Flour, pkg. . . 7¢	Heckers' Oatmeal, pkg. 8¢	Condensed Milk, can 10¢
Sweet Corn, 2 Cans, 25¢	Libby's Sauer Kraut, can 9¢	Large, Sweet Juicy Oranges, doz. 29¢
Sweet Pickled Shoulders, lb. 19¢	Hamburg Steak, lb., 12½¢	Fresh Shoulders, lb. 22¢

STOCK UP. XMAS IS ONLY ONE WEEK AWAY

THREE CITIES WITHOUT CARS

Suspension of Trolley Service in Salem, Beverly and Peabody by Bay State Co.

Thousands Forced To Walk—Cities Refused To Revoke Jitney Licenses

SALEM, Dec. 18.—Suspension of virtually all trolley service on the Salem division, comprising this city, Beverly and Peabody, by the public trustees of the Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway company, today forced thousands to walk to work in the below zero temperature or to ride in crowded, unheated jitneys. The buses were inadequate to care for the crowds notwithstanding the operation of 25 extra machines over lines formerly traversed by the trolley cars.

The trolley stop was in accordance with the decision of the trustees to remove the cars, unless the city revoked jitney licenses. Special meetings of the governments in the three cities last night failed to revoke the licenses and as a result the railway officials refused to start the cars today, except on a few lines where there has been no competition.

Regular trolley service was maintained between this city and Danvers, where the selectmen recently cancelled all jitney licenses. Except for the infrequent train service on the branch line of the Boston & Maine railroad, and the jitneys, Peabody was cut off from Salem and Lynn. Two cars were operated over one of the Salem and Lynn lines in the early morning to carry workers in the Lynn plants of the General Electric Co.

Hundreds of persons who live here but are employed in Lynn or Beverly suffered the inconvenience of already crowded Boston & Maine street cars. Several large jitneys expected from Lynn intended to handle interurban traffic failed to appear because of a shortage in that city, where the police seized nearly a score of machines yesterday after the license bonds had been declared void.

Public meetings will be held tonight by the officials of the three cities affected. The jitney operators will be given a special hearing here on their proposal to organize a big automobile operating company. President John Welch, of the Jitney Operators' Association of Lynn and Salem has announced that several banks stand ready to finance such an organization.

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COLDEST OF THE SEASON

Thermometers on the Toboggan—Last Night Was a "Stinger"

After flitting dangerously near the zero mark for two days, Lowell thermometers went down with a vengeance last night to register the coldest weather of the season at readings which varied from 1 to 16 degrees below. Daybreak found the entire city solidly frozen after passing through one of the bitterest nights in recent years.

In exposed spots the cold was almost unbearable, for it penetrated the warmest garments, like crepe paper and nipped fingers and toes in a moment.

Yesterday was cold under a leaden sky, but the northern blast was intensified manifold as evening came and ample warning was given between the hours of 5 and 7 o'clock, when the temperature down town dropped from 7 above to flat zero. At midnight it was still colder and the thermometer at the Pawtucket dam registered 12 below at 2 a. m.

Reports from various sections of the city and suburban towns this morning brought temperatures ranging from 7 to 16 below. Seven below was recorded by the Locks and Canals at 6.15 o'clock, Chelmsford Centre found the mercury resting at 14 below at 7 a. m., North Chelmsford shivered at 12 below and Dracut gasped at 15. At 8 o'clock the thermometer in Merrimack square bravely tried to be cheerful while standing 5 degrees below the dead line.

The Lowell division of the Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Co. felt the effects of the excessively low temperature this morning when it attempted to move cars from the Middlesex street barns for early runs. Crews found that on several of the newer types of semi-convertibles, the air pipes underneath which carry the automatic air pressure system were frozen solid moisture gathering there. Before the trouble could be cleared up, early trips were lost on the Highlands, Broadway and North Billerica lines and one extra car on Moody street route was forced to abandon its trip.

MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE IS DISMISSED

Accused of manslaughter in connection with the death of Mary E. Phillips, 366 Westford street, who died last August shortly after being struck by an automobile, Charles E. Boyd of Hamilton was found not guilty and discharged when his case was called on continuance in the municipal court here today.

According to the inquest report on the woman's death, submitted by Judge Pickman, Mrs. Phillips was struck by an auto driven by Boyd as she was crossing Westford street on the evening of July 20. She received a fractured leg and other minor injuries. Her death was not caused or contributed to by the criminal negligence of Boyd in the operation of his machine, the report states.

RIGHT LEG FRACTURED

At 10.10 o'clock this morning the ambulance was called to the Abertaw Construction Co. in Broadway, where Nelson Brown, a resident of East Chelmsford and an employee of the company, had sustained a fracture of the right leg while at his work. The injured man was taken to St. John's hospital.

Boston Bank Closes Doors

trust company to pay all of its checks over the counter, a condition which always arouses suspicion. The result has been to cause something of a run on the bank.

"It has a large number of loans which in my opinion are good, but some of which are rather slow, and in order to protect the depositors it seemed best that I should take possession of the bank. It is my opinion that the depositors will be paid in full and that a substantial amount will be left for the stockholders."

The bank commissioner took over the institution under the state laws by which he is authorized to act when he regards conditions as "unsafe." He will remain in charge of its affairs until they are settled. Deputy Commissioner Charles W. Levi was installed by the commissioner as his representative at the offices of the trust company.

These offices are in the Old South building on Washington street. Many of the depositors of the bank were stenographers and other employees of downtown office buildings. They are members in large numbers of the company's Christmas club, a plan by which weekly savings were accepted to be paid in one disbursement at Christmas time. Whether all the checks in payment of Christmas club members had gone out could not be learned today. No statement on this, or any other phase of the situation, was made by bank officials.

Only a small number participated in the run on the bank today and it was scarcely noticed in the crowds and excitement of Christmas shopping. At the noon hour, however, when the stenographers and other depositors out for their luncheons found the doors closed, and the bank commissioner's announcement posted, the groups grew and anxiety was manifested by some.

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PARSONS.—The funeral services of Mrs. Caroline T. Parsons were held yesterday afternoon at her home, 155 Hale street, and were largely attended. Rev. Albert J. Hallington, pastor of the Holy Sepulchre church of Lowell, officiated. There was appropriate singing by Paul Lundberg and the Misses Edith and Blaise Lundberg. The floral tributes were many and beautiful. The bearers were A. Ellison, E. Anderson, J. Swanson and P. Lundberg. Burial took place in the family lot in Westford cemetery, where the committal service was read by Rev. Mr. Hallington. The funeral arrangements were in charge of Undertaker William H. Saunders.

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Judge of their own choice will make the decisions. Messrs. Mangan, Jones and Maloney and their partners are the competitors and their friends plan to turn out in large numbers to cheer them on to victory. The prize number will come at 10 o'clock. It will be an old-fashioned waltz and many dancing experts of years past plan to attend. Music for the prize number as well as for the general dancing will be furnished by Miner-Doyles orchestra. Barney Horan will sing.

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